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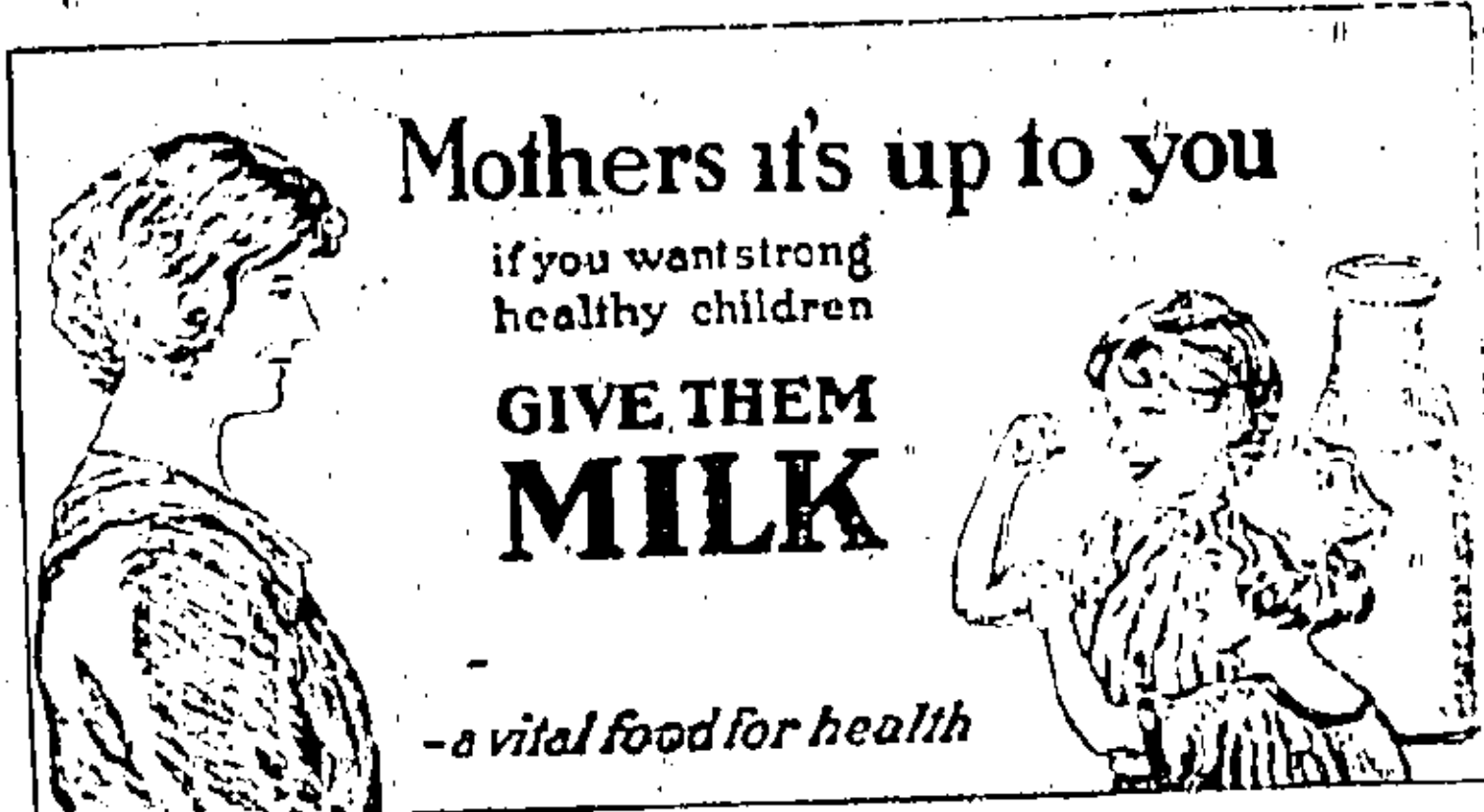
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[FROM OUR STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, May 10th.

SINGAPORE AS NAVAL BASE.

The proposal which was made public for the first time in detail on the instructions of the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons, that it is the intention of the Government to establish a great naval base at Singapore, has started a spirited controversy. The proposal is vigorously opposed by the Labour Party, and to a lesser extent by the Liberals. A number of red herrings are being trailed across the track of straightforward discussion, and, in the absence of anything in the nature of a convincing argument against the plan, the general attitude of the public is to trust the Government and their advisers.

Ignoring the school of critics who can only urge that we are unable to afford the cost of a new base in the Far East, there is another school who proclaim in the Liberal newspapers that what is contemplated, if carried fully into effect, would be a double-edged sword, and, moreover, might antagonise the United States. But this is a petty and somewhat foolish objection, because it is not to be imagined that the Government came to a decision without taking the susceptibilities of other Powers who might think their interests in the Far East were affected.

Equally unconvincing is the objection that the League of Nations is being flouted in this matter. The point was, I think, effectively dealt with by Mr. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons debate on the Navy Estimates. While the League has as one of its chief objects "the prevention of war by co-operation against wanton aggression," as he described it, "we cannot co-operate unless we have some force to give effect to our policy." In other words, the League of Nations has never been set up to be a League of the Helpless.

BEFORE THE WAR.

The highly interesting point has emerged that the decision to make a great naval base in the Far East was arrived at before the war. At that time of day Hongkong was the obvious place that suggested itself to the Admiralty experts. But unfortunately for Hongkong that part is buried for use as a fortified base by the Washington agreement. Under that instrument we pledged ourselves not to fortify or develop within a defined area (which embraces Hongkong) maritime strongholds that might indicate even the possibility of aggression against Japan. There are naval experts here who think that this arrangement seems very like giving a hostage to fortune. It is certainly a self-denying ordinance, especially when it is considered in conjunction with the fact that Japan can develop a base or bases on her own mainland to any extent she likes, and, moreover, we are reduced in naval strength to a one-Power standard.

It is estimated that ten years will be required to complete the works contemplated at Singapore. Having regard to this, there appears to be something in the criticism that seeing the combined scientific ingenuity of the world is being concentrated on the task of perfecting the instruments of war, the Dreadnought will be a back number by the time the new base is completed in the Far East. Be that as it may, the Admiralty evidently are not trusting to chance, but are acting on the Coswellian maxim to trust in the Lord but keep their powder dry.

"FATHER OF THE HOUSE."

Next week the House of Commons is to elect Mr. T. P. O'Connor to succeed Mr. Asquith as the "Father of the House." The speaker is to be something in the criticism that seeing the combined scientific ingenuity of the world is being concentrated on the task of perfecting the instruments of war, the Dreadnought will be a back number by the time the new base is completed in the Far East. Be that as it may, the Admiralty evidently are not trusting to chance, but are acting on the Coswellian maxim to trust in the Lord but keep their powder dry.

It is a strange paradox that it is the old Irish Nationalist Party, which always protested against its presence in the House of Commons, that now provides that House with its senior Member. "T.P." for by no other name is he ever mentioned or addressed has a vitriolic tongue in debate when "the poor distressed country" is the subject, but in the intercourse of the lobby and the smoking-room his words have always been of milk and honey. It is, of course, in keeping with the best traditions of our public life that his colleagues, irrespective of party, should combine to entertain him to a complimentary luncheon, for no man holding unpopular opinions on certain subjects has ever contrived to win such real popularity. The one incredible thing about "T.P." is that a Member so youthful in spirit has been over forty years in the House of Commons.

A NOTABLE EDITOR.

Sir William Robertson Nicoll, whose death is announced, is a notable instance of a man who wielded an influence far greater than he could have projected out on a literary career. The *British Weekly*, which he founded for Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton thirty-seven years ago (having previously acted as publishers' reader for the firm), was designed to appeal mainly to the section of Non-conformist opinion which was not reached in the eighteen-eighties by the heavy reviews. The paper attained to an influence not only as regards literary matters, but in relation to affairs which was national in the wide sense of the word, and this was unquestionably due to the personality of the editor.

The prodigious energy and facility for writing possessed by Sir William Robertson Nicoll commanded admiration among all writing men who knew what he regularly accomplished. His personal contributions to the *British Weekly* frequently ran to 20,000 words in a single issue, but at one time he wrote, in addition, another 5,000 words a week for other papers and magazines. I have heard it urged against him that he belaboured Scottish authors whose merits were only secondary, being in this matter true to the natives of his own country; but on the other hand, he discovered a whole group of young writers, headed by J. M. Barrie, Ian MacLaren, and others of the Kailyard school.

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SETTLED LIBEL ACTION. DEFENDANTS' APOLOGY.

In the action of Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada v. Henderson and Another, for damages for libel, a settlement has been announced.

Mr. Patrick Hastings, A.C. (with him Mr. P. E. Sandhu), for the plaintiffs, said this was a very serious libel action, which had been settled on terms, one of which was that they should be mentioned in open court. Plaintiffs were the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, a company which did an enormous business. Their head office was in Canada, but they did business all over the world, and in England the trustees were the Earl of Albemarle and Mr. Reginald McKenna. Last year the new business amounted to something like £18,000,000. The first defendant was an agent in insurance matters, mainly in the East, and he had been publishing in the East definite statements about the plaintiff company, alleging that some of their officials and officers had been guilty of dishonesty, and that, consequently, the office was not one in which people in India and the East should insure. That publication was broadcasted all over the East, and the company had been put to enormous expense and trouble in combating the ill-effects of the defendant's pamphlet. Arrangements had now been made to under which the action need proceed no further. The defendants had agreed to pay the sum of £3,000 towards the expenses incurred by the plaintiffs in endeavouring to stop the circulation of the pamphlet, and further had consented to an injunction restraining them from repeating the statements of which the plaintiffs complained. Sir Hugh Fraser, for the defendants, would say that there was no foundation for those statements, and would make a full apology and withdraw.

Sir Hugh Fraser said he accepted everything said by Mr. Hastings. The defendant desired him to say that they were satisfied that there was no foundation whatever for any imputation on the plaintiffs, and in the most unqualified manner to express their sincere regret that they should have made any such imputation. They desired to apologise and withdraw the imputation in the most unreserved manner, and also submitted to an injunction restraining them from repeating their statements.

Mr. Justice Darling thereupon entered judgment for the plaintiffs for the amount agreed, and granted the injunction asked for.

According to a report on production recently issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, the value of farm crops and live stock in Great Britain last year was £400,000,000. The value of produce sold for consumption in 1922, including the value of that used in farmers' households, was approximately £261,000,000.

In recent years Nicoll was a fervent admirer of Mr. Lloyd George, and it was no secret that the ex-Premier found the *British Weekly* an excellent medium for testing public opinion. At all events, the paper used sometimes to contain early and exclusive information which could only have come from the head of the Coalition Government himself.

THE LAST STRAW.

A popular agitation on a large scale has suddenly arisen over the reassessment of property for income-tax purposes, and for once in a way the middle-classes have been goaded into action. In defence of their pockets, a week ago every owner of property outside the London area (London is in a class apart) received notices intimating that the assessment of house or land had been increased. In many cases the increase was 40 per cent., and in some instances it was 60 per cent., above the old figure. Of course, as hundreds of thousands of people in order to keep a roof over their heads have had to buy their houses at prices that were generally exorbitant, the higher tax is a grievous burden upon them. The taxation officials have taken the purely artificial method of values as the basis of the assessment, and on this the owner-occupier is expected to pay.

The notices of a higher tax would be unpopular at any time, but they are especially obnoxious at present. Coming now, they suggest a grim kind of humour on the part of the Revenue Department. One way the Chancellor of the Exchequer takes his vengeance off the Income Tax is by a great flourish of trumpets and the next week his trusty henchmen clap it on again in the shape of a higher assessment on all property.

Members of Parliament are being overwhelmed with letters from indignant constituents. The middle-classes are thoroughly angry—so much so, indeed, that it is unlikely that the new impost will be imposed at present. It has often been said that the middle-classes, so docile and respectable—and unorganised—would put up with anything from the Government of the day. But this seems to have discovered the limit of their patient endurance. It is the last straw.

LABOUR'S SPORTING CHALLENGE.

It is characteristically English that the Parliamentary Labour Party have issued a challenge to the Government side of the House of Commons to play them at cricket. I would give a good deal to know what the paper will say about it at Moscow when the news reaches the select circles of Bolshevism which have fond hopes of converting our Socialist-Labour men to the true faith. They will doubtless conclude—as so many better foreigners have done before now—that there is no accounting for the English. The incident would probably be impossible in any other country on earth.

The Government have promptly accepted the challenge, and the cricket match will, it is expected, take place at Lords. I am told that the Labour men have an exceptionally good lot of talent among the new comers in their ranks. As for the Government side, it will probably be captained by Lieut.-Col. Jackson, the famous Yorkshire cricketer, who is now a member of the Government, and in that event he may be depended upon to pick a team that will make the Labour men play on their toes all the time. Altogether this cricket challenge makes very pleasant reading.—H.B.

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Across the road is a small Catholic Church, and in the churchyard, under a large black cross, sleeps Father Damien, who died in harness, having contracted leprosy while performing his saint-like duties. Can man do more? His memory is revered on the Island of Molokai. We visited the Baldwin Home for boy lepers, also the Bishop Home for girl lepers. Again we mounted the lorry, this time through a short cut, on the way back through Kalaupapa, the wheels got stuck in the mire; fortunately we had heavy chains, and with pushing and pulling we were ultimately released. We passed another cemetery in which was a white marble cross erected to the memory of Sister Marianna, who for thirty-five years worked with the lepers, but died and contracted the disease. Words are inadequate to describe the noble, unselfish man—they are angels on earth. There are sweet, holy faces, yet they look upon such vile, unwholesome misery, but their smile of patience and encouragement cheers many a suffering soul, as they pass through the closed door.

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ROYAL VISIT TO THE
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RECEPTION AT THE VATICAN.

Rome, May 9th.
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On either side of the door of the Papal staircase were drawn up the pickets of the Swiss Guard in their brilliant uniform of slashed red, yellow and blue, with medieval cuirasses and halberds, and as the motor-car containing the King and Queen drew up, Prince Raspeti, Grand Master of the Sacred Hospice, advanced to meet them and presented them to Mgr. Samperi, the Majordomo, who, in company with the high lay dignitaries of the Papal Court and Prince Alessandro, Commander of the Noble Guard, was waiting within the door.

Preceded by a sergeant of the Swiss Guard, six *palladini* in scarlet-shaded velvet uniform, an escort of Swiss Guards, and four gentlemen ushers, and followed by their suite, the King and Queen mounted the Papal staircase. As the procession reached the magnificent Sala Clementina, it was joined by the Great Chamberlain, the two Consistorial Advocates, and one of the private Chamberlains-in-Waiting, Mr. Rawlinson. The procession then moved on to the Throne Room. The Swiss Guards presented their halberds with a military precision which would have done credit to the best disciplined of regiments, and the wonderful uniforms and vestments of the various dignitaries created a picture which might have been painted by Carpaccio. The suite remained in the private antechamber while the Great Chamberlain conducted the King and Queen into the presence of the Pope.

THE AUDIENCE.

His Holiness advanced up into the room called that of St. John, and invited their Majesties to accompany him into the small Throne Room. He there bade them sit down while he himself took his place on the Throne beneath the baldachino.

The conversation lasted about ten minutes, and the Pope presented both the King and Queen with signed photographs of himself in a silver frame with his initials in gold, a compliment which their Majesties returned by giving His Holiness photographs of themselves. The members of the suite were then announced by the Great Chamberlain and presented to the Pope, who accompanied the King to the ante-chamber and there took his leave of the King and Queen. The members of the Papal Household, including the five English Private Chamberlains, Viscount Campton, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. W. Kerr, Count Cortis, the Hon. Evan Morgan, and Mr. Johnson, were then presented. The procession was re-formed and the King and Queen proceeded to the apartment of Cardinal Gasparri, the Cardinal Secretary of State, with whom they remained about ten minutes. After leaving Cardinal Gasparri's apartment they spoke to ten senior students from each of the British colleges in Rome, in the Vatican courtyard. As the motor-cars left the Vatican the band again played the National Anthem.

The arrangements for the whole visit were admirable and worked without a hitch. The Catholic Press here welcomed the visit as a final proof that Great Britain regards the Catholics no longer as enemies, but as co-guardians of her safety.

LEAVEN LUNCHEON.

Immediately they returned to the Palazzo Patrizi Cardinal Gasparri, in full Cardinal's robes, came to return the visit, and Mr. and Mrs. Theo Russell entertained a distinguished party at lunch to meet their Majesties.

About 3 o'clock the King and Queen returned to St. Peter's, where they were met by Cardinal Merry del Val, Archbishop of St. Peter's.

Cardinal Gasparri then conducted them over the Vatican Library, where he showed them the Papal Bull which conferred on King Henry VIII. the title of "Fidei Defensor." Their Majesties also visited the Museum of Sculpture, which contains some of the finest works of ancient sculpture in Rome. At five o'clock they drove from the British Embassy to the Quirinal to attend the Garden Party, at which the most prominent members of the British Colony were presented to them.

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BIDDING AT BRIDGE

A COMPENDIUM.

(BY SIR WILLIAM WILKINSON.)

Preface.

Said "Varborough" the Bridge Editor of the "Sunday Times" last December: "The curse of Babel is heavy to-day upon Auction Bridge. If you sit down to play with a partner for the first time you can never make sure of what he means by his bids. We are all talking different languages." Yet you cannot delay the deal until you have established that partner and ascertained his views on 7-2 calls, or on the take-out in a major suit. He might suffer you to ask him if he observes the American Convention, but should he plead ignorance and you proceed to enlighten him, your opponents would certainly turn restive.

All the same it is unquestionable that as Miss Florence Irwin reminds us, partners and opponents too ought to "understand every school of play." The difficulty is to discover what are the schools of play. The first complete Bibliography of Auction Bridge, as compiled by Mr. Frederic Jessel and published in Mr. Manning Foster's "Auction Bridge made Clear," comprises 171 books; and these are being added to every month. No player can be expected to wade through 171 books, however anxious he may be to improve his form; and few players, certainly few in the Far East, have access to a title of them.

It is to meet in some degree this distressing state of things that the present compendium has been compiled from the latest edition of the Royal Auction Bridge Manuals named in the list given below. The varying opinions of the Bridge pundits (Mr. R. F. Foster says there are no "authorities") on each matter are brought together under headings that take the form of maxims or propositions. As these opinions do vary, and often vary widely, it would obviously be impossible to frame in every case a proposition that will agree with them all. What the compiler has ventured to do is to give pride of place to the views which he himself prefers. This preference, he submits, need not detract from the fullness of this work; any reader provided with a lamp can strike out a heading to which he demurs, and can underline appreciatively one or other of the excerpts that contradict it.

Once this is done, and the respective penicillings are compared (in some lucid interval between rubbers) the "language drawback" should disappear.

Bathampton, 1932. WILLIAM WILKINSON.

ROYAL AUCTION BRIDGE MANUALS COLLATED.

"BASIC"—Royal Auction Bridge, New Ed. 1920.
Bergholt (EAST)—Royal Auction Bridge, 2nd Ed. 1929.
BUTLER (WALTER)—Twenty-one Bridge Rules, 1921.
BUTLER and BREVITAS—Auction Bridge in a Nutshell, 5th Ed. 1919.
"CUT CAVENTISH"—(ANTHONY, EDWIN)—How to win at Royal Auction Bridge, 1920.
DALTON (WILLIAM)—Royal Auction Bridge, 7th Ed. 1929; Weekly articles in the "Evening Standard," 1921.
EXETER (LEWIS E.)—Royal Auction Bridge for the Modern Player, 1921.
FOSTER (A. F. MANNING)—Auction Bridge Table Talk, 1918; Auction Bridge made Clear, 1921.
FOSTER (ROBERT FREDERICK)—Foster on Auction, 3rd Ed. 1921; Auction made Easy, 1921.

GILLES (Dr. J. W. F.)—Calling at Auction Bridge, 1920.
HISLOPER (Major SAMUEL HOWARD)—Hints on Royal Auction Bridge, 2nd Ed. 1929.
IRWIN (Miss FLORENCE)—The Complete Auction Player, New Ed. 1920.
OWEN (Major A. G. L.)—Modern Bridge, 1920.
"PACHABO" (WITELAW, A. E.)—Wrinkles on Royal Auction Bridge, 1919; Twelve Keys to Auction Bridge, 1921.
WORK (JIMMY C.)—Auction Methods Up-to-date, 1921.

"Varborough"—Royal Auction Problems (1923-24); Weekly Notes in the "Sunday Times."

To save space, "Butler and Brevitas" appears as "Butler"; "Cut-Cavendish" as "Anthony"; A. E. Manning Foster, as "Manning"; while the prefixes of Miss, Mr., and Major are omitted. R. F. Foster's "Auction made Easy" is indicated by 2 Foster. (So 2 Manning and 2 Pachabo). E. S. is "Evening Standard"; S.T. "Sunday Times."

DECLARATIONS.

THE OPENING BID.

GENERAL PROPOSITIONS.

1.—Sound bidding is of more importance than good play.

Foster, p. 22, "The foundation of Auction lies in the original, or free, bid. . . Every contest is settled by the bidding, not by the play." Dalton, p. 11, "Royal Auction is a game of intelligent declaring far more than of skillful card playing." Hingley, p. 11, "The essence of correct Auction Bridge lies almost entirely in the first original call." Pachabo p. 13, "It is generally agreed that skill in bidding is more important than skill in handling the cards." Irwin, p. 132, "While I admire the faultless player immensely, I should choose the faultless bidder for my partner." Work, p. 16, "The initial bidder's declaration is the foundation of the bidding; all his partner's acts depend upon it, and it must be sound. . . . When strangers meet, each has the right to assume that the other is bidding along the lines generally accepted as conventional."

2.—Do not lie low with a good hand, hoping to trap your opponents.

Bascule, p. 33, "The old idea that there was something to be gained by lying low on a powerful hand is completely exploded. So Dalton, p. 32, Anthony, p. 23, "Nowadays the opening declaration from strength is almost universal." Hingley, p. 31, "A certain class of misguided players affects the 'wait and see' policy, and calls 'No' continually on an attacking hand; this is telling a 'bridge lie'." Gillies, p. 107, "Calling honestly pays better than concealing your strength." Hamet, p. 4, "It is quite as big an offense to undercall as to overcall."

3.—Never make a penalty bid unless you are prepared to play the hand on the fall if left in.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Montreal Gazette, says:—That after age of the Dominion, the Canadian Pacific Railway, not only maintained its supremacy among the transportation systems of the Continent during the year 1934, but slightly improved its position in the face of slackened trade by land and keener competition by sea. Gross earnings amounted to \$186,674,000, and net earnings to \$30,301,000, a decrease in the case of the former of \$6,316,800, and an increase in net of \$2,100,000. To have made more profit out of reduced receipts is a striking testimony to the ability, diligence, and zeal of the management, as well as to the loyalty of the staff. The surplus was not, indeed, large, \$1,053,500, but it was \$270,117 more than in 1931, and was realized after payment of fixed charges, substantial dividends, and all taxes, which now reach a considerable sum. The assets of the Company are placed on a conservative computation, at \$1,124,725,000 and there is a surplus over liabilities of \$101,000,000, of which one-half, \$50,492,000, is in cash.

An enterprise of the magnitude of the Canadian Pacific never reaches facility. It is constantly extending its ramifications, enlarging its facilities, comparing new fields and acquiring new business. During last year the Company sold \$3,097,000 in London and \$2,000,000 in New York of 4 per cent. debenture stock, turning the proceeds into various betterments; while in the current year it is contemplated to spend \$7,630,000 on roadways, the Chateau Frontenac Hotel, and miscellaneous works to improve facilities and effect economies, to build 57 miles of branch lines in the Northwest, and to purchase new rolling stock at a cost of \$12,265,000. The high credit the Company enjoys in the money markets will enable it to make a considerable new capital expenditure without increasing fixed charges, as we learn from the annual report that note certificates to the amount of \$22,000,000 bearing 6 per cent. interest, and which were issued in 1931, are to be paid off in July next out of available resources held for this purpose.

The ocean and coastal lines of the Canadian Pacific are an important branch of its service. Last year these yielded a net profit of \$3,415,000, a sum more than sufficient to pay the whole interest on the borrowed stock of the company. President Batty devotes considerable space, relatively to a report of the difficulties under which the ocean steamships have been operated, having had to meet the competition not only of private companies but, as well, of government-owned lines, especially those of the United States Shipping Board, yet the Canadian Pacific was able to effect a reduction of \$2,502,000 in gross earnings by a decrease of \$2,756,000 in operating expenses, and to increase by 52 the number of round voyages made by its fleet. Several adverse causes combined to make the Pacific business unsatisfactory, but the President anticipates better results this year, adding that special efforts are being made to encourage through travel between the Orient and Europe, and the summer schedules will enable a passenger to travel from Japan to England or France, a distance of about 10,000 miles, in 21 days, which should prove advantageous to your line in competition with the Suez route.

Irwin, p. 28, "You must be willing to be left with any bid you make, and must be able to play it if left with it; every bid must be a real bid." Foster, p. 42, "The player who starts with a suit bid, especially a heart or a spade, must be prepared for the possibility of being left to play the hand on that declaration." Dalton, p. 14, "You should never make a bid unless you are prepared to play the hand on that call. . . . Informative bids must, with a view to leading up to 'No Trumps' are a thing of the past." Bergholt, p. 52, "The so-called 'Informative call' is a relic of the Dark Ages."

The Informative Bid: "If Dealer holds Ace and two small, or King, Queen and one small, in Clubs, even though nothing else in the hand, he calls One Club as an invitation to his partner to call One No-trump."

This Convention, says Hingley (p. 29), "is a very useful and safe informative call from one certain trick in Clubs, say Ace and two others, or King, Queen and one other." Bascule, p. viii, "Sufficient justice is not always done to the conventional bid of 'one club'; it undoubtedly infringes the excellent principle that your bid must be a make, but there is really no great danger attaching to it." (Dalton, p. 14, says that the danger exists.) Butler, p. 26, "Utilize the declaration of One Diamond or One Club as invitation to your partner to go No Trumps." Owen (p. 18), would extend the convention to "Three Clubs" which, he says, "is a common hint to your partner that two no-trumps would suit you admirably."

Bergholt, p. 51, vehemently condemns the convention, adding "I grieve to think of the danger in store for you, in the event of the other three players merely remaining silent." Foster, p. 8, disapproves of it, but countenances the "Minor-suit Two call" convention (v. infra p. 10); an opening bid in a minor suit (Diamonds or Clubs) does not, in his school, indicate that declarer is prepared to play the hand on that call (unless it is a preemptive bid of five; see p. 18). "It is a mistake," he says (p. 58), "to insist that every suit, major or minor, should be bid as if it were likely to remain the final declaration and become the trump."

4.—Every original (initial or 'free') bid should be good for either attack or defence.

(To be Continued.)

THE LINCHENG OUTRAGE

MR. MUSSO'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM EXECUTION.

Mr. Rodney Gilbert writing from Peking to the N. C. Daily News says:—Mr. Henley, the released captive, has been interviewed here. He is exhausted after relaxation from the strain. He says that the bandits will shortly release four more prisoners and then hold the remaining four, namely one British, one French, one American and one Italian until their terms are finally met. Despite Mr. Musso's serious condition, the bandits flatly refused believing him to be the most important captive and they will hold him till the last.

Mr. Henley credits Mr. Roy Anderson and Wen Shih-chun with all the success of the out-ride negotiations, but adds that the Chinese captives, who gained the confidence of the bandit leaders, advised moderate terms and helped the release from within. He says that many bandits are after loot only, but the captives are convinced, after pumping individual brigades, that the enterprise was political and particularly anti-Tsao Kuo. Mr. Henley says the indications were that the chiefs intended to ask for favours for Chang Chih-yao (ex-Tsuhun of Hunan), but this the chiefs denied in a formal statement.

The most trying experience was the actual attack on the train, since when conditions have been hard but the leaders have often been surprisingly considerate and the guards kind to the sick, though frequently threatening all with death. Mr. Henley says escape was easy at any time, but each felt that his escape would make conditions for the others harder. Mr. Musso was once marked for execution, when the soldiers were firing on the bandits, the plan being to lay the blame of his death on the soldiers and secure their withdrawal; but a former Chinese Labour Corps codie saved Mr. Musso's life. Mr. Henley says the soldier codie has not interrupted the bandit communications, but that pedlars, who are spies for both sides, came and went and that individual bandits brought in ammunition which they asserted they had purchased from Japanese and that articles in the Shanghai foreign papers were quoted frequently to the captives, while the publication of the Pootzku map was immediately known and much resented.

Mr. Henley doubts that the final release of the other prisoners will come immediately, believing that the last four will be held for several weeks.

SHANGHAI MAN OFFERS HIMSELF IN EXCHANGE FOR A PRISONER.

Since the earliest news of the Lincheng outrage, many offers to exchange themselves for the foreign captives have been attributed to various well known young men, and not a few who, can scarcely be called young, says the N. C. Daily News. For instance, it was authoritatively reported that a certain young athlete, who served in the Great War, and whose father must be known to every person in Shanghai, at least from the frequency with which his witty letters appear in the local press, made a definite offer to the father of one of the captives to exchange with his son. His condition was said to be that he should go to the bandits' stronghold and if he failed in his mission the cost was all "up to" him. On the other hand, if he succeeded in exchanging with the captive, no matter what his own fate might be, he or his wife would be credited with \$5,000. Presumably the offer was not accepted.

Now comes another in more definite terms, for it has been set down in writing, and it is of a more romantic nature. The following letter has been addressed to Mr. Barton, C.M.G., H.B.M. Consul-General:—

"Sir,—I beg to offer my services with a view to the release of any captives now held as prisoners by the Chinese bandits, without fear or favour, until relieved, or death takes place. Anticipating an answer at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your humble obedient servant, (signed) FREDERICK WARRICK."

"c/o P. Heath & Co., 51, Peking, Shanghai."

Possibly the name will not identify the owner of it to many people, but there can be few who do not know him by sight, says our Shanghai contemporary. Mr. Warrick is a little quiet man, turning grey, who does not seem to miss a public meeting of any sort, and he would never dream of failing to attend any official gathering at the British Consulate to celebrate a royal birthday. He probably is old enough to be the grandfather of most of us and no one would imagine he has seen such a hard life as he has left behind him. He served in three campaigns in South Africa and two in Madagascar and it was his great regret that he could not get on service in the Great War. In South Africa, he rose to the rank of Captain. In Shanghai he was to his credit a long record of service with the S.V.C. When he was a younger he was both a famous and a daring traveller and a lot of many hairbreadth escapes and royal birthdays. He was an ordinary event for him to sleep in the open in parts infested with ferocious lions.

Mr. Warrick's offer, our contemporary understands, is under consideration by the consular authorities.

CAPTURE OF WAICHOW.

A MATTER OF HOURS.

CHEN CHUNG MING'S STRONGHOLD IN CLUTCH OF SUN'S FORCES.

Late last night we received the following telegraphic message from Mr. Eng-chen, secretary to Dr. Sun Yat Sen:—

CANTON, June 10th.
By one of his bold strategic moves, General Hsu Chung Chi has suddenly arrived off Waichow with fifteen thousand seasoned troops.

He had recently decided between holding Santow, which is not strategically vital in the present campaign, and dealing General Chen Chung Ming a decisive blow in his Waichow stronghold. He rightly decided to disregard sentimental considerations and to advance against Waichow, which is now in the clutch of the converging forces under his own command and those personally commanded by the Generalissimo, Sun Yat Sen.

The capture of Waichow has once or twice been prematurely reported, but it is now a matter of hours.

General Yang Hsi Min, Commander of the Yunnanese and Cantonese forces on the North River front, telegraphs that the enemy, realising our enveloping tactics, have begun to retreat, and the evacuation of Shikwan by the enemy is imminent.

SPORT

LAWN BOWLS.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

Three league matches were played on Saturday, the fourth between the Police R.C. and Taihook No. 2 was not played owing to the unfortunate death of Sgt. Cole. The infant team of the league (Kowloon Docks) continued its victorious career by defeating Taihook No. 1 in no uncertain manner. Thus this team still leads the league, having played five and won five matches. Last year's league winners, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, suffered a surprising reverse at the hands of Craighower. The Civil S.C.C. still at the bottom of the league, notched a victory by two points from Kowloon Cricket Club.

Results:—

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. v. KOWLOON C.C.			
Played at the C.S.C.C. the home team winning by 62 points to 60. Scores:—			
C.S.C.C.	Nichols	K.C.C.	
Verge	Hooder		
Murphy	Hyde		
A. B. Allan (S)	25	McLaurie (S)	12
Oswick	Davis		
Massey	Dance		
Alderman	Gibson		
Stanley (S)	13	Stevens (S)	32
J. Hall	Abraham		
Cullip	Tacchi		
Pollyjohns	Overy		
Hill (S)	24	Pile (S)	16
Total	62	Total	60

TAIHOOK NO. 1 v. KOWLOON DOCK R.C.

Played at Taihook, the visitors winning by 71 points to 40. Scores:—

TAIHOOK NO. 1			
Grimshaw	Kowloon Docks R.C.		
Whyte	Makelvie		
Podis	Kelch		
Hamilton (S)	11	Gorlay	25
Sloan	Atkinson		
Stewart	Brow		
T. Young	Funchon		
Wotherspoon (S)	16	Gow (S)	23
(Times)	Johnston		
McIntosh	Duncan		
J. Russell	Hedley		
Fergusson (S)	16	Lapsley (S)	26
Total	40	Total	74

KOWLOON D.C.C. v. CRAIGHOWER C.C.

Played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the visitors winning by 63 points to 52. Scores:—

K.O.C.C.			
McLurgin	Alves		
Farrell	Ismael		
Guy	Onar		
Edwards (S)	17	Basa (S)	21
Muir	Greenish		
Whitby	Marlin		
R. Hall	Forbes		
Crawford (S)	18	Greener	22
Macfarlane	W. Green		
Harvey	Harvey		
McNeill	A. Macfarlane		
W. Russell (S)	10	W. Bradbury (S)	22
Total	52	Total	63

POLICE R.C. v. TAIHOOK NO. 2.

This match was postponed owing to the death of Police Sergeant Cole.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon Docks R.C.	5	5	0	10
Taihook No. 1	3	3	0	6
Taihook No. 2	5	3	2	6
Kowloon B.G.C.	4	2	2	4
Police R.C.	4	2	2	4
Kowloon C.C.	5	1	4	2
Craighower C.C.	5	1	4	2
Civil Service C.C.	5	1	4	2

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.

	Shots.	Shots.
	For	Against
Kowloon Docks R.C.	230	86
Taihook No. 1	188	40
Taihook No. 2	333	273
Kowloon B.G.C.	250	217
Police R.C.	220	243
Kowloon C.C.	237	205
Craighower C.C.	264	304
Civil Service C.C.	247	359

OBITUARY.

MR. C. E. WARREN.

In length of residence, though he was not more than 31 years of age, Mr. C. E. Warren who died at his residence "The Towers" in Broadwood Road, on Saturday evening, was an old resident. Mr. Warren had resided in the Colony about two dozen or twenty-eight years. He was originally an overseer in the Public Works Department, but nearly twenty years ago he set up on his own account as a sanitary engineer and rapidly built up a thriving and prosperous business. He will be remembered also as the pioneer of building enterprise on "The Ridge" overlooking the Racecourse at Happy Valley. Upwards of twenty houses there were built by him and he resided in a very spacious and, in many respects, very remarkable residence there known as "The Towers." Of late years Mr. Warren had taken an interest in local racing as an owner of ponies, one or two of which figured prominently in the racing. Mr. Warren had been in an indifferent state of health since he returned from England a year ago, and for a week preceding his death, had been very ill. Pneumonia was the cause of death. He leaves to mourn his death a widow, a daughter and two young sons in England besides his eldest son, Leslie, who returned to the Colony with his bride recently.

FUNERAL.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, the Rev. Father Augustin officiating at the graveside. At the conclusion of the burial service, Father Augustin, in a short address, paid tribute to the late Mr. Warren's generous spirit and said: "He worked quietly and many people had reason to think highly of his many acts of kindness. In his past life he had done a lot of good, but no body knew how much good he had done. The Rev. Father had known him for many years and he could testify in a small measure to his generous spirit."

The funeral was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends, including many Chinese, amongst whom the deceased was widely known.

The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Warren, son and daughter-in-law. Amongst others present were: Mr. W. K. Reynolds, Mr. S. L. Hilden, Mr. A. Dransfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. d'Angelo, Mr. J. Tully, Mr. L. A. Cosart, Mr. H. S. Smith, Mr. G. A. Harriman, Mr. G. H. Gibson, Mr. G. D. Matheuan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Denoon, Mr. J. W. White, Mr. J. Kynoch, Mr. H. J. Pearce, Mr. A. Kirk, Mr. C. Sara, Mr. G. W. Avenell, Mr. S. Hamar, Mr. G. J. Blake, Mr. P. M. Xaver, Mr. O. Smith, Mr. Miller and a large number of Chinese. The floral tributes sent by European and Chinese friends formed a large collection including one from the Staff of the Building Ordinance Office, P.W.D., the others being from private friends.

THE LATE POLICE SERGEANT COLE.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL ON SATURDAY.

The funeral of the late Police Sergeant Cole, who was accidentally killed by a revolver shot, on Friday afternoon, on the Kennedy Road Shooting Range, took place on Saturday afternoon, at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley. The deceased was accorded full military honours and the coffin, which was borne from the mortuary to the Cemetery on a gun carriage and drawn by European members of the Force, was covered with the Union Jack and surmounted by the late Sergeant Cole's helmet and arms.

The cortege was joined at Murray Barracks by the King's Regimental Band and a firing party selected from the King's Regiment. At the entrance to the Cemetery the coffin was carried to its last resting place on the shoulders of six ex-guardsmen of the Brigade of Guards, all of whom gave active service during the war. The bearers were: Police Sub-Inspector J. Clark, Police Sub-Inspector A. Clark, Police Sub-Inspector Lane, Police Sergeant Fender, Police Sergeant Knowles and Revenue Officer Knight. The deceased fought with the Irish Guards in France and Flanders, and Sub-Inspector Lane, one of the bearers, was also in the same battalion and saw active service with Cole in France.

The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Father Augustin, and after the remains had been lowered into the grave the usual volleys were fired over the grave and the "last post" sounded by the buglers of the King's Regiment.

Amongst those present at the funeral were: The Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. Wolfe), Deputy Superintendent of Police (Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse, C.I.E.), Assistant Superintendent of Police (Mr. D. Burlingham), Second Assistant Superintendent of Police (Mr. J. H. Kerr), Chief Inspector R. Macdonald and Divisional Inspector Cashman. About 100 European police in uniform were present.

A large number of wreaths were sent, including one from the Captain Superintendent of Police and others from the various Departments at Police Headquarters. There was also one from the Ex-Active Service Men's Association.

NEW FERRY SERVICE.

EASTERN DISTRICTS TO BE SERVED.

The Government is inviting tenders for a ferry service providing for "not less than one departure every 15 minutes daily from each of the following piers between 5.15 a.m. and 6 p.m.":—Kong Shan Wharf, Hung Hom Ferry Wharf, Kowloon City Wharf, Shaukiwan or Saiwanho Wharf.

The period of licence is to be three years beginning April 1st, 1924, and "unless otherwise agreed the licence shall provide and place in a river fit and ready for use on and after the 1st day of April, 1924, not less than 9 ferry vessels, of which 2 shall be ferry vessels in reserve, of not less than 10 feet overall measurement with suitable beam not less than 16 feet and a speed of not less than 10 knots, fitted with a navigation bridge, water-tight bulkheads and a grille, approved by the Harbour Master, separating the first class accommodation from the rest of the vessel, and in all respects, to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master and painted in such colours as he may direct and duly surveyed and licensed under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1897 to 1917. The above mentioned number, overall measurement and speed of the vessel are not necessarily to be adhered to in making out tenders which may contain a list of suitable ferry vessels of different number, overall measurement and speed."

The Kowloon Dock Service which runs between Statue Wharf and the Docks at Hung Hom not being a service run for payment or reward shall not be interfered with or hampered in any way by the licence."

THE CATHOLIC UNION CLUB.

LATE PRESIDENT'S PORTRAIT UNVEILED.

On the occasion of its diamond jubilee the Catholic Union Club gave a luncheon on Saturday, at which they entertained most of the prominent members of the Portuguese community. Bishop Pozzoni was the principal guest, and before the dinner commenced, he unveiled a portrait in oils, of the late Mr. J. D. Osmund, who died in January of this year, after fifteen years' service as President of the Club. His successor, Mr. F. H. Barnes, in asking the Bishop to unveil the picture, said the character of the late Mr. Osmund had always been marked by the greatest loyalty to his friends, and he had frequently been known to put himself to great inconvenience on their behalf and on behalf of the Club. His pride in the Club was remarkable, and nothing could be said against it in his hearing. His death had been a very great loss to the Union, and a big loss to the Catholic community in general, for he had always been very closely identified with Catholic activities in the Colony.

Bishop Pozzoni, in unveiling the portrait remarked that it aroused in him emotions of regret at the loss of Mr. Osmund, but of pleasure in being asked to perform the ceremony.

Later the toast of "Our Patron" was honoured with enthusiasm, and Bishop Pozzoni briefly acknowledged the compliment. Music was provided during the luncheon, which was followed with a short entertainment.

ACCIDENT AT THE FAIR AT KOWLOON.

SOLDIER PITCHED OUT OF SWING BOAT THROUGH BROKEN ROPE.

A startling accident occurred on the swing boats at St. Martin's Fair, Kowloon, on Saturday night. The boats are erected on triangular wooden supports in the same way as in the English country fairs, and are suspended by ropes. Two soldiers were swinging in one of the boats, when suddenly a rope gave way in mid air. One of the men was pitched to the ground from a height of some feet, and landed on his head. He was completely unconscious when picked up, and had a nasty wound on the side of his head. He was taken to a quiet spot and revived, being able to proceed back to barracks with the aid of his comrade.

THE STRANDING OF THE SS. "KUMSANG."

OFFICIAL ENQUIRY TO BE HELD.

A Court of Enquiry is to be opened this morning at the Harbour Office in connection with the stranding of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's s.s. "Kumsang," which went ashore off the Philippines early in May with some 500 passengers on board. The Court will be composed of the Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate (Commander Rockwith, R.N.), President; Lieut. Neish, R.N., H.M.S. "Titania"; Capt. Davidson, R.N.R., Marine Superintendent of the C.P.S.S. in Hongkong; Capt. Walker of the s.s. "Hui Fong"; and Capt. Nichol Leitch, of the s.s. "Klungu."

HONGKONG WELSH SOCIETY.

In order to afford the members of the newly organised Welsh Society in Hongkong (Cymdeithas Dewi Sant) an opportunity of meeting and informally discussing plans to make the Society useful and interesting to its members a picnic was organised. This took place on Saturday when upwards of thirty members of the Society and their families went by launch to Silver Mine Bay. Sir William Rees Davies (President of the Society) and Lady Rees Davies accompanied the party and in a little speech on the launch Sir William referred to the growth of the Society which in the very short time since its formation, two or three months ago, had acquired a membership of about 50. It was now properly constituted and had an excellent working committee. Mr. D. J. Lewis (Vice-President) remarked that the Society was greatly indebted to Sir William Rees Davies who took the greatest interest in it and its flourishing condition was largely due to his efforts. Suitable acknowledgment was also made of the services rendered to Mr. D. Davies, the honorary secretary. A feature of the outing was the singing of Welsh national airs, for which the Welsh people are famous. "Mae hen Wlad fy Nhadau" ("Land of my Fathers") was pleasingly sung with all its native pathos as the launch approached the pier at the end of a most enjoyable afternoon.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

The rainfall of May, low though it was, has been sufficient to insure us against any further restrictions of the supply till next dry season and to put aside for the present any proposals for bringing water from the mainland or from the West River. The storage in the City reservoirs on 1st June amounted to 530 million gallons while the loss from them during May was 435 million gallons. At Kowloon the storage was 53 million gallons and the loss 24 million, so that at the May rate of supply and rainfall we should be able to carry on for 25 months, but the rainfall of May was much below the average—4 inches against an average of 12 inches. An average June gives 16 inches, July and August 14th inches each. After August the average rainfall quickly diminishes and is largely dependent on whether or no we have typhoons, but as we have been remarkably free from typhoons for many years it is the more probable that we shall be troubled with them this year and the help they may give to the water supply would be some compensation for the damage they may do in other directions.

On 1st June the reservoir supplying the City contained 335 million gallons against 532 on the same date last year. The consumption was 188 million gallons against 257 million last year, the supply being intermittent this year and constant during May, 1922, at Kowloon the storage is 85 million gallons against 49 million on 1st June last year, and the restricted consumption 40 million gallons against 60 million unrestricted last year.

BRICK WORKS ENTERPRISE SITE AT CASTLE PEAK.

A Crown lot, 27 acres in extent, situated near San Hui, Castle Peak, is to be offered for sale by public auction, this month. The purchase is required within two years from the date of sale to expend not less than \$200,000 upon the construction of a brickworks capable of turning out not less than 50,000 bricks a day. The upset price of the land is \$975 and the annual Crown rent \$153. No building on the lot may at any time be used for any purpose directly connected with the brickworks, without a licence from the Governor on such condition in the matter of premium, etc., as he may think fit.

HONGKONG TRADE.

The fortnightly trade report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce states:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—Since our last report a considerable business has been done in White Shirtings, chiefly pure finishes. Small lines of Greys are also mentioned and a fair miscellaneous trade in Dyed and Fancy Goods has been brought to book.

Cotton Yarn.—Wuchow being now free from hostilities and owing to the fact that British steamers, conveyed by British gunboats, are able to proceed there, a demand set in from all quarters and good business was put through at an improvement of \$2 to \$4 per bale. At the close market quiet but steady. Quotations are: No. 10s at \$163 to \$161, No. 12s at \$170 to \$168, No. 16s at \$193 to \$205, No. 20s at \$178 to \$206. Arrivals 500 bales, Shipments nil. Sales 3,500 bales. Unsold stock 11,000 bales. Bargains 10,000 bales. Woolens.—Small sales of Camlets, Lastings and Blankets are reported but the market is still dull.

Raw Cottons.—Sales nil. Nominal quotations are as follows:—Indian descriptions at \$31 to \$39. Chinese staple at \$27 to \$44.

Metals.—Market depressed very little going.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: About 800,000 sacks. Market dull. Quotations: American patent \$3.70 per sack, American straight \$2.95 per sack, American cut-off, \$2.90 per sack, Shanghai flour \$2.95 per sack; Australian No. 1 \$2.95 per sack.

Sundries.—Window glass: Very few. Market quiet.

Sugar.—Market quiet.

Saltpetre.—Market firming up owing to the rapid fall in exchange.

THE FINANCES OF KWANGTUNG.

VIEWS OF THE "FINANCE MINISTER DESIGNATE."

The Canton papers announce that Mr. Yeh Kung Chai, "Minister designate of the Ministry of Finance," arrived in Canton from Hongkong on the 6th and has been conferring with leading members of the Government on important official issues. An interview was given by Minister Yeh to a representative of the local Press. The *Canton Daily News* supplies the following translation of the report of the interview appearing in the Chinese newspapers:—

In reply to a question whether he was to take up the portfolio of Minister of Finance, Mr. Yeh said he has had no intention of resigning from the post since he was appointed by the Generalissimo. Continuing his conversation, Mr. Yeh said he has been away from the Province of Kwangtung for over twenty years and it naturally took him a little time to study local conditions, especially in connection with financial affairs. It was his intention to select a suitable man to take up the post of the Provincial Commissioner of Finance and he himself, being in the position of Minister of Finance, will co-operate with him in the task of readjustment and reorganization of financial system. He will assume office as soon as the Provincial Financial Commissioner is definitely appointed.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK HOPEFUL.

The financial outlook of the Province is very hopeful, the Minister designate provided. The total annual income of the Province is estimated at something over forty million dollars, and during the present war period a daily expenditure of over sixty thousand dollars is needed. Figured according to this rate it requires a sum of over twenty million dollars a year. It still leaves a big margin for other things. The salt revenue of Kwangtung can be considerably increased if the salt affairs are properly managed. Gambling and opium traffic must be absolutely prohibited as soon as normal order is restored. That the financial condition of the province is sound is shown by the low rate of interest ruling which seldom exceeds ten per cent, as is commonly the case in the interior provinces.

Asked whether he was determined to assist Dr. Sun Yat Sen in his programme of peaceful unification, Mr. Yeh said he has been working along this line ever since the seventh year of the Republic and he, of course, is in full agreement with Dr. Sun's programme.

LOYALTY WAR-LORD OBSTRUCTING NATIONAL UNITY.

Mr. Yeh further expressed his appreciation of Dr. Sun's railway projects. "Wu Pei Fu is now the stumbling block to national unification," said Mr. Yeh in a very positive manner, "and the nation has now come to realize that Wu Pei Fu must be removed for the sake of national unity." Having spent a greater part of his life in the North and in close contact with officialdom there, Mr. Yeh is of the opinion that the Peking Government is a hopeless case beyond redemption, and the future of China must depend on the progressive elements of the South.

THE WARFARE IN KWANGTUNG.

OPTIMISM IN CONSTITUTIONALIST CIRCLES.

The following view of the situation in the North River district is given in the *Canton Daily News*:—

"Considerable rumours has been rampant lately on account of the mistaken idea among the people that the evacuation of Shuiukwan was a defeat for the Yunnanese troops. According to information from military authorities, the evacuation of Shuiukwan was nothing but a strategic move on the part of the Yunnanese troops to entice the northern troops into the mountainous regions, so as to have them surrounded and give them an example of mountain warfare, in which the Southerners will prove their superiority. The Northern troops are more accustomed to fighting on level ground, and it is believed that when they are entrapped among the hills, it would be an easy matter to defeat them."

"Now that the Northern troops together with the remnants of Shen Hung Ying's forces, have unconsciously stepped into the lion's den, so to speak, General Yang Hsi Min, commander of the troops, considers this is about the right time to deal the death blow, and proceeded up the Yuch-Han Railway to direct his troops."

"In addition to the Yunnanese troops, the Cantonese troops who have distinguished themselves in the recent West River fighting, have also left Canton and gone up the railway to Yingtak so as to reinforce the rear of the Yunnanese troops."

"According to the railway people, the Administration of the Yuch-Han Railway expects to resume thorough traffic to Shuiukwan next week."

MORO FANATICS SURRENDER.

Eight hundred and six fanatic followers of Achun, Allah's latest prophet on Patu Island (Philippines), surrendered after he and 52 others were killed by Constabulary forces in a fight on May 20th, according to a telegraphic report received by General Wood from Governor Carl M. Moore of Sulu. Three petty leaders and some of the fanatics are still at large and unless they surrender in a day or two, Colonel Walce, provincial commander of Sulu, will comb the island and will make the men submit, the telegram said.

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Parcels will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents, and value of all packages are required.
Further particulars apply to—
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.
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Hongkong, 11th June, 1923. [934]

"OLEN" LINE, LIMITED
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From UNITED KINGDOM, PORT SAID, SUEZ & STRAITS.

THE M.V.

"GLENTARA"
Having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Godowns and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.
Goods not cleared by the 12th June, 1923, at Noon, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goldard & Douglas, on 12th June, 1923, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for cargo short delivered, must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.**
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1923. [924]

S.S. "CHILL"

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, etc., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods and Valuable, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Godowns and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after the 12th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 12th instant, or they will not be recognized.
All damaged packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goldard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUSCH,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1923. [932]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godowns on and after 8th June.
Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.
All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered, after the 14th June, will be subject to rent.
All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th June, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1923. [930]

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NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of Mr. G. HOPPELER, Mr. M. BRENNWALD will be in Charge of Our Firm.
A. P. VILLA & BROS. OF CANTON INC.
Canton, 8th June, 1923. [925]

G. R.

NOTICE.

OWNERS and **DRIVERS** of MOTOR VEHICLES are requested to note that, on Traffic Posts where Traffic Lights are established, the Lights will be used, both by Day and Night, for the purpose of Regulating Traffic with effect from the 15th INST.
E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.
8th June, 1923. [936]

G. R.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the Supply of CARPENTERS, CARPENTERS, PAINTERS, SCRAPERS, PLUMBERS, PLASTERERS, and LEATHERWORKERS to H.M. Dockyard.
Forms of Tender can be obtained at the Office of the Chief Constructor, H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong, and should be filled in and returned as indicated in Tender Form, and later than Noon, SATURDAY, the 16th JUNE, 1923.
A. J. HOBSON,
Chief Constructor.
9211

INFO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on "THURSDAY, 14th JUNE, 1923, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 7th June to 25th June Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1923. [937]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 8773 for 200 Shares numbered 77151 to 77200, 47201 to 47250, 110052 to 110076, 121088 to 122037, 34161 to 34175; Certificate No. 8774 for 200 Shares numbered 5061 to 50600, 37101 to 37200; Certificate No. 8775 for 50 Shares numbered 69951 to 70000 all registered in the Name of Mr. LAM CHOR YIN have been LOST or DESTROYED, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Company before the 1st day of JULY, 1923, New Certificates for the said Shares will be issued and the Old Certificates will thereafter be held by the Company as Null and Void.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th June, 1923. [922]

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAY

CANTON-KOWLOON LINE.

(CHINESE SECTION).

WITH the approval of the Ministry of Communications, SUPPLIERS of TRACK SLEEPERS and BRIDGE and CROSSING TIMBERS, are hereby invited to submit SEPALED TENDERS in DUPLICATE, which should be clearly marked "TENDERS for SLEEPERS" and addressed to the MANAGING DIRECTOR, CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY, Chinese Section, Canton, to the Railway Head Office not later than 11 o'clock in the FORENOON of WEDNESDAY, the 13th DAY of JULY, 1923.
Specification and full particulars may be obtained by application to the Railway Head Office, Canton, on the deposit of \$3,000, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender.
Tender must be made in the Form at the foot of the Specification, which must be returned undetached.
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THE HEAD OFFICE,
CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY,
Chinese Section.
Canton, 6th June, 1923. [928]

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Hongkong, 6th June, 1923. [914]

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DORRIGAN—At 165, Peak, on June 9th, the wife of Mr. H. B. L. DORRIGAN, a daughter. (Shanghai and Singapore papers please copy). [923]
LANSING—At Shanghai, on June 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. LANSING, a son.
WOOD—At Vladivostok, on June 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. M. W. WOOD, a son.

MARRIAGE.

TWEEDIE—McDONALD, at Shanghai, on June 3th, JOHN R. TWEEDIE to ANGUS McDONALD.

DEATHS.

LEITCH—At Shanghai, on June 5th, HELEN ELIZABETH LEITCH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. LEITCH.
MAHER—At the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai, on June 4th, VINCENT MAHER (China Merchants' S.S. Co. Lower Wharf), aged 26 years.
RENNES—At the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai, on June 2th, GEORGE ALEXANDER RENNES (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.), aged 32 years.
SMITH—At Camberley, England, on June 1st, FLORENCE SENTANCE, wife of FRANK SMITH, late of Chinese Customs. (By cable). [935]
WARREN—At "The Towers," 20, Broadwood Road, at 6 p.m., on June 9th, C. E. WARREN, of pneumonia. Aged 51 years. [935]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. L. B. WARREN, eldest son of the late Mr. C. E. WARREN, on behalf of his mother and family, desires to thank all those who sent wreaths and messages of condolence during their sad bereavement. [935]

Hongkong Office: 10A, Des Vaux Rd., C.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 11th, 1923.

HONGKONG'S SHIPPING CONTROL PROFITS.

A FOOTNOTE to the telegram we published on Saturday reporting the serious allegations made against the Hongkong Government by Mr. Eric MOLLER in a public speech at Shanghai, set the matter in its correct light so far as concerns the question of responsibility for the commandeering of ships on the local register and their employment during the war. In view of all the discussion that has

taken place, privately between the shipping companies concerned and the Government, asked to take the whole risk. The Hongkong Government accepted the whole risk, but it proved to be a very small risk, and when the Control was finally wound up and the position put to the Home Government, the latter allowed the Colonial Government to retain the profits that had been made. This disposes of the charge that the Hongkong Government deliberately used the ships for "protecting purposes." But it is quite true that the Government made some public statement as to what it intended doing with the money. Evidently there is no intention of distributing it *pro rata* among the shipowners concerned, even to the comparatively small extent of compensating them for the losses which the officially audited accounts show that they suffered. As the Shipping Control was a war measure it seems appropriate that the profits should be devoted to purposes connected with the war, and a suggestion has been made that the money might be devoted to the purpose of the redemption of the Colony's War Loan. That use would, at least, be compatible with the idea that any profits accruing from the ships would be applied to purposes connected with the war. There may be other purposes connected with the war "to which this money might be equally properly applied. In any case, it is fully true that its final disposition was decided. Twelve months have passed since the Government was authorised by the Imperial Government to retain the profits, and in view of the fact that the Treasury accounts show a total surplus of fourteen million dollars or more, it would seem that the Government can have no difficulty about releasing this money for its final destination. Whatever force there may be in the contention that the Government is free to use these war profits in any way it deems fit and proper—"purposes connected with the war" have acquired a very wide significance—it will certainly be widely felt that the most appropriate application of the money would be to purposes purely and unmistakably "connected with the war."

Members of the Club Lusitano are reminded of the Extraordinary General Meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock.—ADVT.

The members of the Hongkong Polo team who have been visiting Manila were royally entertained at the Polo Club and the McKinley Club.

The total output of the Kaifu Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 26th amounted to 95,025 tons and the sales during the period to 50,370 tons.

In the course of a case at the Supreme Court at Shanghai, last week, it was stated that, "according to the British Chamber of Commerce," there are about 300 Englishmen out of work.

A Bill is being drafted by the officials of the Philippine Public Health Service with the object of checking malaria in the islands. The deaths from malaria in the islands, according to statistics, were 23,128 in 1916 and 33,444 in 1919.

The opinion is expressed in the *Manila Times* that Capital is not so much interested in the form of Government in the Philippine Islands as in knowing who is going to be responsible for the "external policy of the islands. Millions and millions of dollars, it says, have flowed into Cuba since the Spanish-American war, and would flow into the Philippine Islands if the solution of this problem results in the establishment of an autonomous Government under American jurisdiction. It is the uncertainty whether the United States will continue to be the "Aunt" of the Philippines or whether the Americans will entirely withdraw in the near future which frightens capital.

The price of rice in Kwangtung, "although war is going on in nearly every action of the province," remains normal, according to our Canton contemporary who gives the following explanation of this: "Canton depends upon Kwangsi, Wuhu and Annam for her supply of rice. Although the supply from Kwangsi is rather undependable at present, rice coming from Wuhu and Annam has never been interrupted, which explains why there has been no abnormal increase in prices. Furthermore, the rice crop in the province this season is showing favourable signs of a good harvest; consequently the best quality rice is selling at present at nothing more than \$7.60 per hundred catties."

Many friends in the Far East will learn with sincere regret of the death, at Camberley, of Mrs. Frank Smith. Her husband, who is a brother of Mrs. Janner Horne, was well-known in different parts of China, as Commissioner of Customs. He retired at the end of 1916. Mrs. Smith had been in poor health for some time before she and her husband left China, but after some months in England she appeared to be better. Recently, however, the old trouble recommenced and private telegrams indicated that there could be but one end. Mrs. Frank Smith was deservedly liked by all who knew her. Deep sympathy, the *N.C. Daily News* says, will be felt for Mr. Frank Smith and for his nephew and niece in Shanghai; Mr. H. P. Bell and Mrs. Percy Lavers.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BULGARIA'S RULERS.

MILITARISTS FORCIBLY OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT.

Sofia, June 10th.

The Government was overthrown at three o'clock this morning by an organization composed of reserve officers, who were supported by the active army.

LATER.

All the Ministers have been arrested, and a new Government formed by all the Opposition Parties, except the Communists.

The provincial garrisons are supporting the movement.

Order prevails at Sofia and also throughout the country.

HOW THE REVOLUTION WAS EFFECTED.

Berkovsk, June 10th.

Details of the Bulgarian revolution show that the Military League and the Opposition Bloc placed themselves at the head of a popular movement, invested the Parliament buildings, and arrested all the deputies and ministers present. The remaining ministers were arrested in their homes.

No trains left Sofia today and all the frontiers are closed, but no bloodshed is reported.

The new Cabinet will probably be composed of university professors, with Professor Zankoff as Premier.

The Revolutionary Committee is taking measures against ex-Premier Stamboulski's agrarian supporters and the revolutionaries appear to be masters of the situation. They have ordered the prosecution of the members of the late Cabinet.

Other reports state that the King issued the decree of Sofia University, Metoff, to form a republic. Metoff has proclaimed martial law.

NEWS A COMPLETE SURPRISE IN LONDON.

London, June 10th.

The news of the Sofia revolution came as a complete surprise here, for even official Bulgarian circles at first discredited the report. It was thought that Premier Stamboulski was firm in the saddle as a result of his overwhelming triumph at the election six weeks ago, when the Agrarian Party, of which he is the head, polled 212 seats out of a total of 245.

TROUBLE WITH DEPOSED PREMIER'S SUPPORTERS LIKELY.

M. Stamboulski, who is a peasant by birth, has been Premier for four years. He has had a stormy political career, being sentenced to death during wartime for his strong opposition to ex-King Ferdinand's co-operation with Germany. He has governed Bulgaria with a strong hand, particularly the Communists, and has earned a reputation for square dealing in his foreign policy. It is not anticipated that he or his Party will take the overthrow lightly.

CASE FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

Sofia, June 10th.

A semi-official statement says that the Government was overthrown because it had shown a growing contempt for legality, and apparently considered violence the fundamental principle of domestic administration. It is declared that the new Government will adhere to fixed principles of law and democracy. Steps are laid on the desire for peace, and efforts will be made to carry out international obligations, also to strengthen the friendly relations with neighbours.

It is emphasized that an observance of treaty obligations will be a point of honour.

FIGHTING REPORTED TO HAVE COMMENCED.

London, June 10th.

Premier Stamboulski was not among the arrested ministers. He was in the country when the revolution broke out, and it is stated that he is endeavouring to stir up the peasants and march on Sofia.

Unconfirmed reports from Belgrade state that fighting has broken out in several parts of Bulgaria and may have been killed or wounded, according to a Sofia telegram.

Advices from Sofia state that the Solvante (Bulgarian National Assembly) has been dissolved. The ministers arrested by the Stamboulski Government have been liberated.

BRAVL IN A CHURCH.

SERIOUS INCIDENT AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

Constantinople, June 10th.

A brawl took place this morning in the Greek Church at Galata, during the reading of the Patriarchal sentence of excommunication on Damianos and other hooligan aggressors of the Patriarch.

The British police arrested Damianos, who struck the interpreter, but the Turkish police removed him from the custody of the British.

Sir Charles Harrington (British Commander-in-Chief) has demanded the surrender of Damianos to the British.

INTERPRETER IN BRITISH UNIFORM ASSAULTED.

LATER.

The Turkish police were passive spectators of the attack on the Greek priest, who was saved from the hooligans by the intervention of the British policeman. The latter had been sent to the Church with an interpreter, to ensure order. The interpreter was wearing British uniform when struck by Damianos.

LATEST CABLES.

INTER-ALLIED CONTROL IN GERMANY.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE THE STUMBLING-BLOCK TO SETTLEMENT.

Paris, June 10th.

M. Poincare, addressing the Senate regarding the Control Commission's activities, emphasized the fact that complete Franco-Belgian accord had been reached as regards the Ruhr.

With reference to the new German Note, he declared that both France and Belgium had agreed that no proposal from Germany could be considered unless preceded by a complete cessation of passive resistance.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT DENIES RESPONSIBILITY.

Berlin, June 10th.

The Government continues to maintain that it is in no wise responsible for passive resistance in the Ruhr area. The question remains the principal stumbling-block in the way of negotiations.

QUESTION OF A COLLECTIVE ALLIED REPLY.

The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent indicates that Premier Poincare yesterday intimated to London his assent to a collective Allied reply to Germany, and also to a subsequent conference, conditionally upon a cessation of German passive resistance in the Ruhr area, the rejection of the proposed international commission of experts, as being contrary to the Versailles Treaty, and the rejection of the German guarantees as worthless.

LONDON COMMENT ON OCCUPATION QUESTION.

London, June 10th.

The German Note has been much commented upon in financial circles, according to whom the City regards it as an advance on previous communications, inasmuch as it makes a definite offer, proposes definite guarantees and affords a basis for further negotiation.

The French demand for the prohibition of passive resistance is regarded as wholly impracticable. On the other hand, the fact that the Ruhr is not mentioned in the Note is considered a favourable sign, because, if a promise to cease passive resistance is not given, neither is evacuation demanded as a preliminary to discussion.

It is pointed out that the British occupation of Cologne does not interfere with German economic life, and if the French occupation on the Ruhr can be made similarly innocuous, then progress towards a settlement may be expected. It is hoped that the British Government will use the new situation to arrange a conference, with a view to effecting a settlement by joint action.

A COMMON ALLIED REPLY.

Paris, June 10th.

It is semi-officially stated that Premier Poincare has notified the British Foreign Office of his willingness to sign a common Allied reply to the German Note, if such is confined to a request that the Reich will cease its policy of rebellion. If Germany fulfilled this condition France would be prepared to negotiate with the Allies, with a view to reaching an agreement on the subject of reparations, on the basis of the French memorandum of January.

EARLIER CABLES.

Paris, June 8th.

A Note has been presented to the German Charge d'Affaires containing the unanimous decision of the Allies impressing upon the Reich the necessity for a resumption of inter-Allied control, and requesting the German Government to take all measures to facilitate the operation of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission and prevent incidents on the part of German officials or the population.

GERMANY'S POVERTY.

FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE LATEST NOTE.

Berlin, June 8th.

Herr Rosenberg, the Foreign Minister, addressing the foreign Press representatives, said the German memorandum did not contain any higher offer than the Note of May 2nd, because no German Government dare promise what it was convinced the German people would be unable to fulfil. As an illustration of Germany's poverty, the Minister mentioned that the Japanese Embassy had called the memorandum to Tokyo, saving the German Government heavy telephone tolls.

LATEST CABLES.

ATTEMPTED WORLD FLIGHT.

AN ILL-FATED UNDERTAKING.

Paris, June 10th.

The French air mission, which was to fly round the world, will be shortly ordered to abandon the attempt, in consequence of numerous mishaps.

After much delay in starting, Lieutenant Picard and Madon (navigator) left from their camp at Tunis, when Lieut. Picard was obliged to land on the rocky island of Pantellaria. His machine burst into flames and Lieut. Picard, whose clothes were on fire, rushed into the sea. He was rescued by the inhabitants, but was seriously injured.

Lieut. Madon also landed at Pantellaria, but his machine rests at the top of a mountain. A third aviator lies ill at Palermo, thus only one pilot remains whose machine is undamaged.

U.S. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL WAGES INCREASE.

Chicago, June 10th.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has granted an increase of wages to 119,000 employees, involving an additional annual expenditure of \$4,690,000.

LATEST CABLES.

OPIUM COMMISSION.

AMERICAN DELEGATE FAVOURS COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS.

Geneva, June 10th.

The American delegate, Mr. Porter, has notified the President of the Opium Commission that he does not object to the reservations proposed by certain Governments to the American proposals, but, on the contrary, he promises to report favourably to Washington on the commission's proposals, with a view to holding a special convention of interested Powers in order to carry out the resolutions.

BRITAIN'S NAVY.

REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME UNDER WAY.

Malta, June 10th.

The official announcement regarding the relief of the Seventh Destroyer Flotilla, at present stationed in the Mediterranean, by the Third Flotilla of the Atlantic Fleet, which comprises the latest-built British destroyers, is interpreted here as being the first step towards effecting the coming redistribution of fleets, whereby the Mediterranean Fleet will again become Great Britain's main fleet in commission. It is believed that the next step will be the sending of a detachment of the Royal Sovereign class to reinforce the present battle squadron, but this is not likely to be effected before October.

BRITISH OFFICERS

MURDERERS.

TWO AFGHAN TRIBESMEN ARRESTED.

Simla, June 10th.

Advices from Kabul state that the Afghan authorities have arrested two Hangukhi Shinwaris on a charge of murdering Major Anderson and Major Orr, of the Seaforth Highlanders. The accused are at present in custody at Jalalabad, awaiting trial.

A cable message from Simla, dated April 10th, stated that Majors Orr and Anderson, while walking near Landkotal, were fired upon and killed. The shooting occurred at Hydrazindal, but the identity of the culprits was not known. Friendly tribesmen brought in the dead bodies.

THE INDIAN EARTHQUAKE.

DEVASTATED CITY BEING REBUILT.

Allahabad, June 10th.

Advices from Meshed state that the city of Turbatidhari is being rebuilt after the earthquake. The populace, who are suffering from cold and wet, are living in improvised shelters.

INDIAN NATIONALISTS.

ARRESTED FOR HOLDING ILLEGAL PROCESSIONS.

Nagpur, June 10th.

Tip to the present 524 congress volunteers have been arrested for defying the order prohibiting processions and the carrying of the Nationalist flag.

THE LAST "WET" LINER.

PASSENGERS ASKED TO STATE THEIR LIQUOR REQUIREMENTS.

London, June 10th.

The last "wet" liner, the *Mauretania*, has departed for America. The shipping company has supplied passengers on the *Mauretania*, which is going out on Wednesday, with forms in which they are asked to estimate and also to pay for any liquor they are likely to want on the voyage. Any liquor not consumed when the dry line has been reached will be heaved overboard.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT.

THE SITUATION IN NEW YORK CITY.

London, June 10th.

The Daily Telegraph's New York correspondent states that, in connection with prohibition enforcement, Commissioner Haynes has ordered the mobilization of 500 liquor enforcement agents, in order to keep New York State dry. This action has been taken in consequence of the withdrawal of 1,500 municipal police in New York City who were engaged in the suppression of illicit liquor traffic.

COST OF LIVING.

ACTION BY ITALIAN CABINET.

Rome, June 10th.

In order to diminish the high cost of living the Cabinet has decided to abolish or substantially reduce customs duties on the most important articles of food.

THE MARK.

London, June 10th.

Marks are quoted at 322.00 to 321.

DEATH OF PRINCESS CHRISTIAN.

London, June 10th.

The death is announced of H. R. H. Princess Christian, [H. R. H. Helena Augusta Victoria, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland, and Duchess of Saxony, third daughter of H. M. Queen Victoria was born May 25th 1816, and was therefore just on 77 years of age. Her Royal Highness was married at Windsor Castle on July 8th 1840 to H. R. Highness Frederick Christian Charles Augustus, Prince of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg, and had five children three of whom survive. On Her Royal Highness's marriage a dowry of £20,000 and an annuity of £6,000 was granted to her by Parliament. Princess Christian died in 1917.]

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ORISIS IN PEKING.

CITY WITHOUT POLICE PROTECTION.

Peking, June 10th.

The political situation has become worse, both Dr. Wellington Koo and Mr. W. W. Yen still refusing to accept the premier's ship. It is alleged their refusal is owing to pressure from Pootungfu.

The police and gendarmerie struck this morning and the streets in the capital are without patrols. The alleged reason for the strike is that arrears of wages have not been paid, but political circles are of the opinion that this is part of a move to drive out President Li Yuan Hung.

It is expected that General Fong Tu Hsiang's, or other Chihli troops will be brought in, ostensibly to preserve order but really to compel Li Yuan Hung to quit.

MEASURES TO PRESERVE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS.

Peking, June 10th.

A meeting of the foreign commandants was held this morning at which it was understood that question of bringing up foreign reinforcements from Tientsin was considered.

The Diplomatic Corps held a meeting at noon to consider the situation. It is understood that the Diplomatic Corps is likely to inform the Peking authorities that they will be held responsible for the maintenance of order.

There are some signs of panic among the Chinese, who are beginning to bring their belongings to the Legation quarter. PRESIDENT'S OFFER TO POLICE AND GENDARMERIE.

American patrols have been sent out to watch developments.

President Li Yuan Hung this morning summoned the Chiefs of Police and Gendarmes, and promised to pay to each organisation \$100,000, they have not yet agreed to accept.

PRESIDENT'S OFFER ACCEPTED.

Peking, June 10th.

The police and gendarmes received one month's pay from President Li Yuan Hung today. They returned to duty at six o'clock this evening.

The Cabinet crisis is not yet over and it is not certain who will be the next Premier, or when a Cabinet will be formed, but the danger of a coup d'etat has been diminished at least temporarily.

A QUIET DAY IN PEKING.

Peking, June 10th.

Despite the absence of the police from the streets yesterday, the day passed without any disorder. There were remarkably few signs of panic, though the traffic on the streets was noticeably less than usual.

PREMIERSHIP QUESTION STILL UNSETTLED.

Dr. Wellington Koo has definitely declined office for the present. Mr. W. W. Yen will interview the President this afternoon, but it is uncertain as to whether he will accept the Premiership.

POLICE ONLY RECEIVE PORTION OF MONTH'S PAY.

Apparently, the police did not receive a full month's pay yesterday afternoon, but only a small sum. They were on duty today, but numbers of the force, in civilian clothes, demonstrated outside the President's residence this afternoon.

A PROTEST BY TSAO KUN.

Tsao Kun is reported to have wired to the Pootungfu leaders saying that he opposes a settlement of the Presidential problem by illegal means. He suggests that Parliament should settle the matter.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

THE OAKS.

London, June 8th.

The result of the Oaks was: Brownie (10-1) 1, Shrove (100-7) 2, Teresina (8-1) 3. Twelve and a half, with a head between second and third. Place betting was 2-1 the winner.

CRICKET.

London, June 8th.

The West Indians defeated Oxford University at Oxford by eight wickets. The Oxonians, Stevens, in the first innings compiled 182 and Gaise 150. For the West Indians, Constantine in the first innings knocked out 77, and Challoner in the second 100, not out.

Middlesex, at Lord's, defeated Warwickshire by nine wickets. In the Middlesex first innings Hendren scored 111. Hearnne took 7 for 67.

Kent beat Essex at Leyton by 242. In Kent's first innings Seymour compiled 143, and Harding 172, not out. In their second innings, Seymour knocked out 105 not out. Woolley took 6 for 84, and 0 for 21.

Gloucester at Nottingham beat Nottingham by an innings and 72. For Gloucester, Hammond compiled 99 and took nine wickets (7). For Nottingham, Richmond in the first innings took 7 for 30.

Sussex defeated Northants at Northampton by 178. For Sussex, Tate in the first innings scored 92, and in the second took 0 for 28. For Northants, Woolley in the second innings took 6 for 29.

Yorkshire at Cambridge beat Cambridge University by 165. Allen, for the University, in the first innings took 8 for 77. In Yorkshire's second innings Holmes knocked out 120 and Sutcliffe 105, both not out. Waddington in the first innings took 6 for 55, and Rhodes in the second took 5 for 20.

TENNIS.

London, June 8th.

In the Northern Championships finals, Miss E. Ryan won the title for the fourth successive year, defeating Miss Holman 6-3, 6-3.

The youthful British Davis Cup player, J. Wheatley, defeated Max Woosnam 6-3, 4-6, 9-7, 9-1, 1-6, 1-0 (1).

Dr. Fyfe is not defending his title. At Stamford Hill, in the North London Championship semi-final, Mrs. Clayton beat Mrs. Mallory 1-3, 6-2.

HUGE SEIZURE OF ARMS AT SHANGHAI.

DISCOVERED ABOARD PRESIDENT BOAT.

Shanghai, June 10th.

One of the largest seizures of arms effected during recent years aboard a foreign vessel, was carried out on Thursday, when 100 pistols, a number of spare revolver parts and 30,000 rounds of ammunition were seized aboard the *President Pierce* by the customs officers on the arrival of the vessel from Japan. The arms were secreted in the first-class quarters.

POSITION OF FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

AN APPEAL TO BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Copenhagen, June 10th.

A Russo-Danish cable has been received in England from Shanghai, signed by the principal British engineering firms operating in China, protesting against the Linchou outrage and drawing attention to the present danger to British lives and enterprise in China.

The opinion is expressed that if the Foreign Powers do not take drastic action, trade in China will soon be impossible. An appeal is made to obtain the influence of Parliament and the Foreign Office to support strongly and promptly the diplomatic representatives' remedy for the existing state of affairs.

CHAOS IN CHINA.

NEED FOR "CONCERTED ADVICE" FROM FOREIGN POWERS.

London, June 10th.

Referring to the chaos in China, at a dinner given by the Oxford University Asiatic Society, the Japanese Ambassador said that the ancient Chinese civilization would survive if the other nations gave them time. He hoped that the Chinese would consolidate themselves, but he did not think that the Chinese could themselves restore order in the country, which was at present divided up amongst thousands of bandit chiefs. It was really the Powers seriously considered the matter and gave concerted advice to the Chinese with a view to restoring order, leading to the unification of the Government and the development of the country, which would not only benefit the world, but the Chinese themselves.

OPIUM IN CHINA.

CHINESE DELEGATE REITERATES HIS VIEWS.

Paris, June 10th.

Mr. Wang Chung Hui, interviewed by Reuter regarding the Opium Commission, asserted that the recent session had yielded satisfactory results for China. He pointed out that the question of restriction and production had been usually exploited, but as regards international prohibition, action remained postponed. He reiterated that though China desired to suppress illegitimate production and consumption, this was an internal question with which China should deal without international interference.

PUBLICITY WILL "AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION IN CHINA."

Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, interviewed by Reuter, pointed out that the Opium Commission's meeting at Geneva was open to the public for the first time. He said that publicity regarding the opium question would arouse public opinion in China against the drug evil. He said that the Chinese Government's contradiction of the report that the legalisation of the opium traffic might be introduced by China had removed all misconception on this point. The committee had also accepted China's assurance that she would do her utmost to investigate poppy cultivation in some of the provinces, and for that reason the committee had not pressed the scheme for consular representation at the investigation, as it did during the last two sessions.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE TRIAL.

CAUSE OF THE CRASH.

Paris, June 10th.

At the resumption of the Banque Industrielle case today, the Doyen primarily attributed the failure of the bank to the world crisis of 1929. He declared that the crash was due less to faulty administration than the imprudence with which credits were granted.

A NECESSARY STUDY.

CHINESE POLICE INSPECTOR INVESTIGATES WESTERN METHODS.

London, June 10th.

General Wang, Chief Police Inspector of Kiangsu, has arrived from New York for a fortnight's stay. In the course of an interview he said that he intended studying the system at Scotland Yard, with a view to organising the Chinese Central Criminal Office along similar lines. Afterwards, he will proceed to continental countries in order to learn how the police there catch rogues.

CONTROL OF SIBERIA.

RUSSIA'S ACTION CRITICISED BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

London, June 10th.

Responding to the toast of "Asia," at a dinner given by the Oxford University Asiatic Society, the Japanese Ambassador said he was of the opinion that Russia was not entitled to control Siberia's great wealth entirely for herself, but must open Siberia, that all might benefit.

JAPANESE ROYALTY IN FRANCE.

MARSEILLE, June 10th.

Princess Nobuko and Viscount Ishii have arrived from Japan.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE.

FURTHER CONDEMNATION OF THE SCHEME.

London, June 10th.

The *Evening Standard* gives prominence to letters from Admiral Sir Percy Scott and Admiral Mark E. Kerr, on the Singapore Naval Base scheme.

Sir Percy Scott declares that the proposition is wholly unwarranted by any proved necessity, and repeats Admiral Sir G. H. Peley's question, "How are our heaviest capital ships going to reach Singapore in wartime, and what are they going to do if they get there?"

Admiral Kerr criticises Lord Salisbury's defence of the base in the House of Lords, as showing an entire disregard for the lessons of war and no imagination in regard to what may happen in the future. He says that apparently a graving dock is to be built, capable of holding a battleship, in order to defend Singapore from a possible attack by a battleship, but certainly in the future no battleship not wishing to commit suicide would approach Singapore, if that port were properly equipped with aircraft, destroyers and submarines. A naval base or defended port of call and repair depot is necessary at Singapore, but the defence must be modern.

AN INTERESTING COMMENT.

London, June 10th.

The *Saturday Review*, commenting on the debate in the House of Lords on the Singapore base, says Lord Salisbury's reference to a Power in the Far East which might not always be friendly was Japan, who, as is not generally known in England, rushed into completion secretly a great naval base at Boin, before the Washington Conference.

The paper emphasises that the situation of Singapore invites the co-operation of all units of the Empire east of Suez. Means should be found for their paying in common for insurance by a rate levied on Empire shipping using Eastern waters. It hopes the matter will be discussed and arranged at the Imperial Conference.

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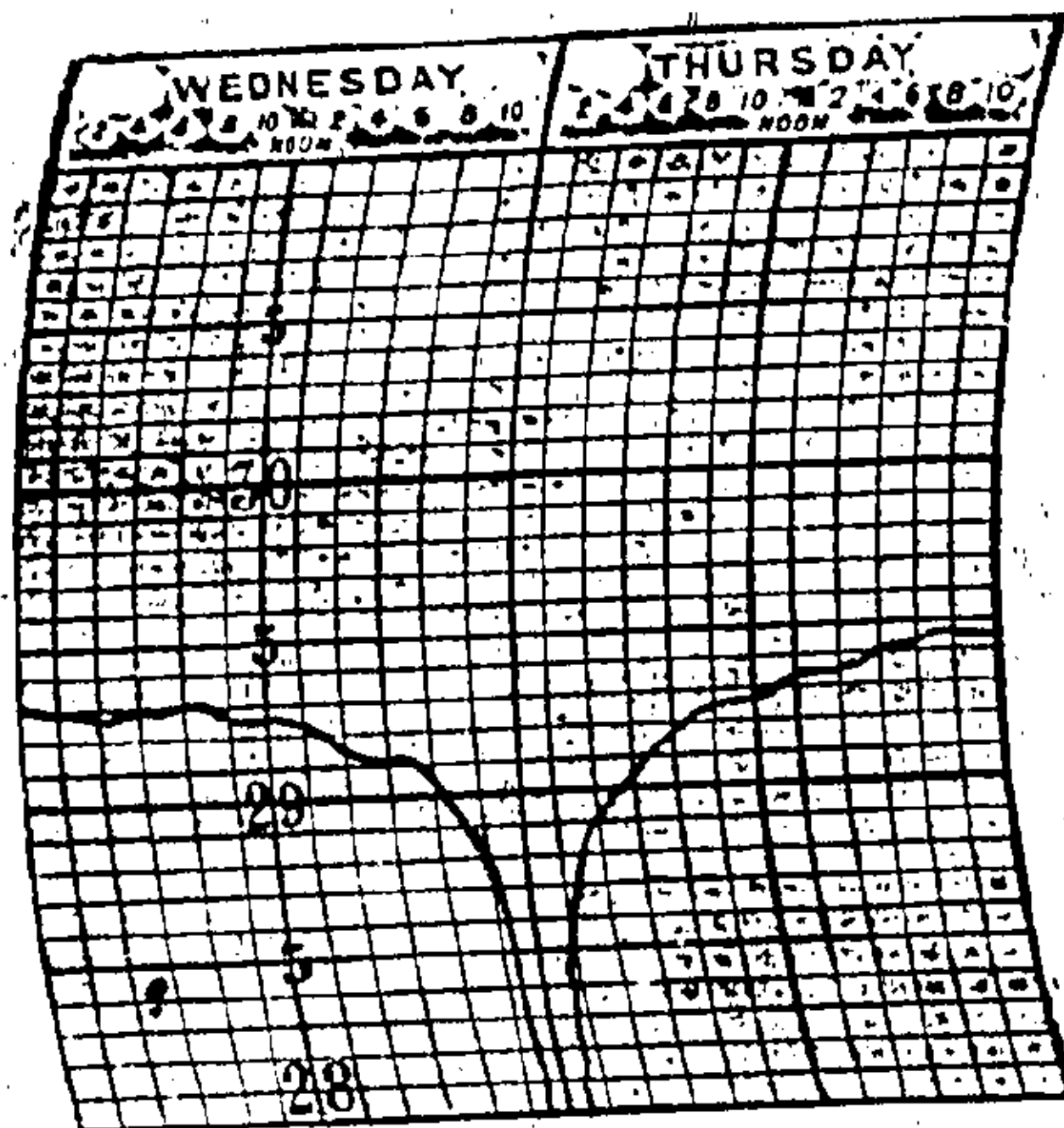


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CABLES.

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EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ITALY AND GERMAN
REPARATIONS.

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI'S POLICY.

Rome, June 8th.
In the Senate, Signor Mussolini stated that the Government intended energetically to safeguard the national interests and remedy the position of inferiority in which Italy had been placed by the peace treaties, excluding her from economic and colonial benefits. Nevertheless he desired as speedily as possible to regular normal the European situation. He outlined the cardinal points of his policy. First, the total of reparations must be fixed far short of the original figure; secondly, Italy must not consent to territorial changes likely to lead to a political, economic or military hegemony; thirdly, Italy must be ready to contribute to the sacrifices if necessary. Signor Mussolini agreed with Mr. Bonar Law's reparations figure of fifty milliard gold marks, but said he differed regarding the method of allocation.

HITCH AT LAUSANNE.

TURKISH PUBLIC DEBT QUESTION

London, June 8th.
The prospects of a settlement at Lausanne are apparently again endangered. A Constantinople newspaper states that news from Ankara is to the effect that the Council of Commissioners has decided categorically to instruct Ismet Pasha not to make any further concessions with regard to the settlement of the Turkish public debt, on which the Lausanne delegates say everything depends.

AMERICA'S "WHITE
ELEPHANT"

MR. LASKER'S LATEST PROPOSALS.

Washington, June 8th.
In an effort to settle the fate of the Government's "White Elephant," namely the Mercantile Marine, Mr. Lasker has suggested to President Harding the formation of an eighteen Government Corporation, under a coordinating authority, each controlling a different route, aggregating 250 steel ships. A further 200 would be placed in reserve and the remaining 1,050 scrapped. An Associate Press message to Manila papers on June 1st said: "Captain Robert Dollar has announced that he bid for five of the Shipping Board vessels, including the President Wilson, President Lincoln, President Cleveland, President Taft and the President Herer, now operated on the West Coast. Orient run but said his bids were low and he had little hope that the Shipping Board would accept them."

RENT RESTRICTION IN
GREAT BRITAIN.

London, June 8th.
The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the Rent Restrictions Bill, after rejecting Mr. Sidney Webb's amendment on the ground that inadequate relief was contemplated, by 287 to 123 votes.

DIVORCE BILL PASSED.

London, June 8th.
The House of Commons by 257 votes to 26 passed the third reading of the Divorce Bill.

OPIUM COMMISSION CON-
CLUDES ITS SESSION.

Geneva, June 8th.
The League of Nations Opium Commission has concluded its labours by the adoption of the report on the work of the session, which will be referred to the Council of the League.

RUSSO-NORWEGIAN COM-
MERCIAL PACT.

Copenhagen, June 8th.
The Riksdag has ratified the Russo-Norwegian commercial convention, concluded on April 25th.

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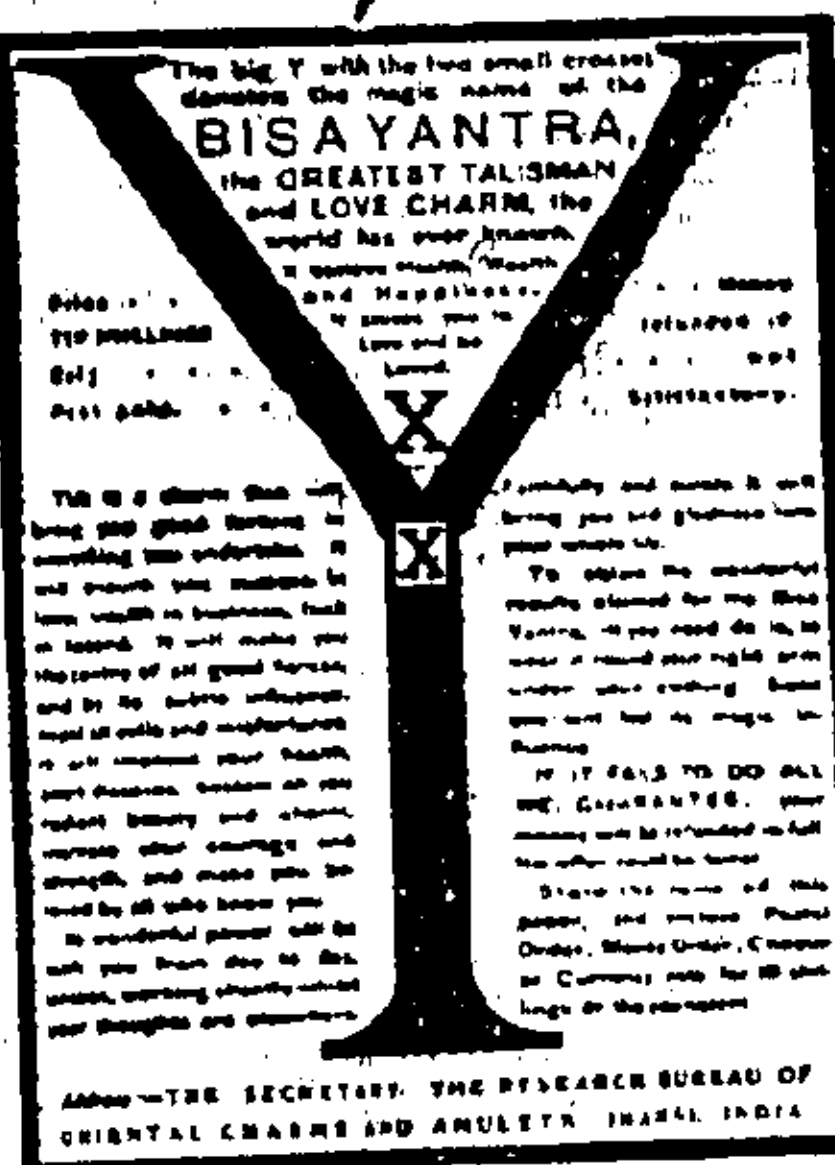


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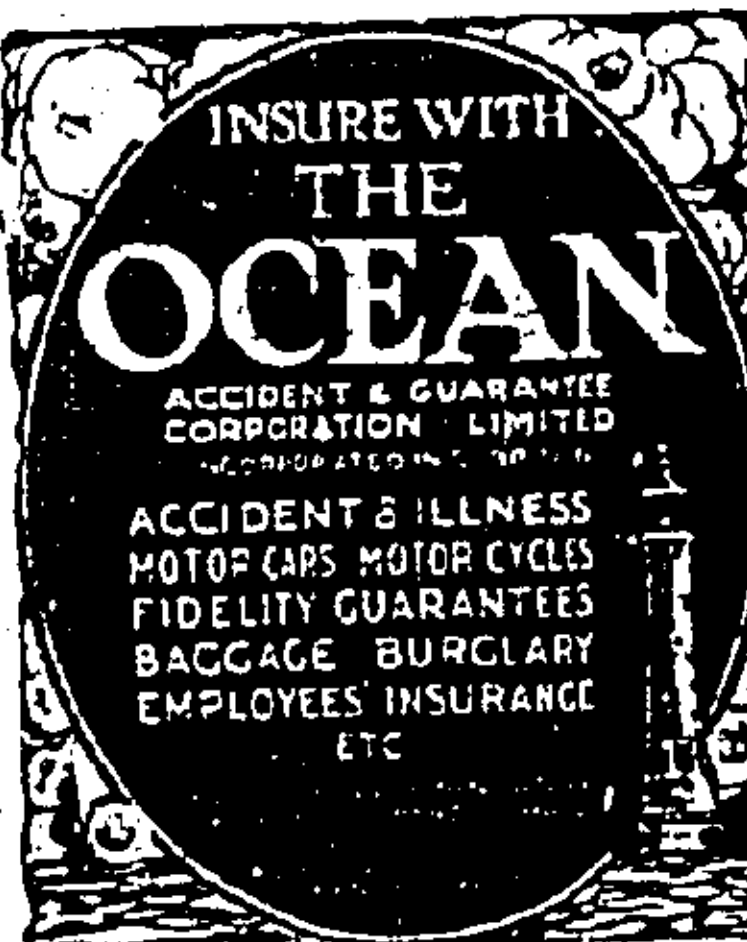


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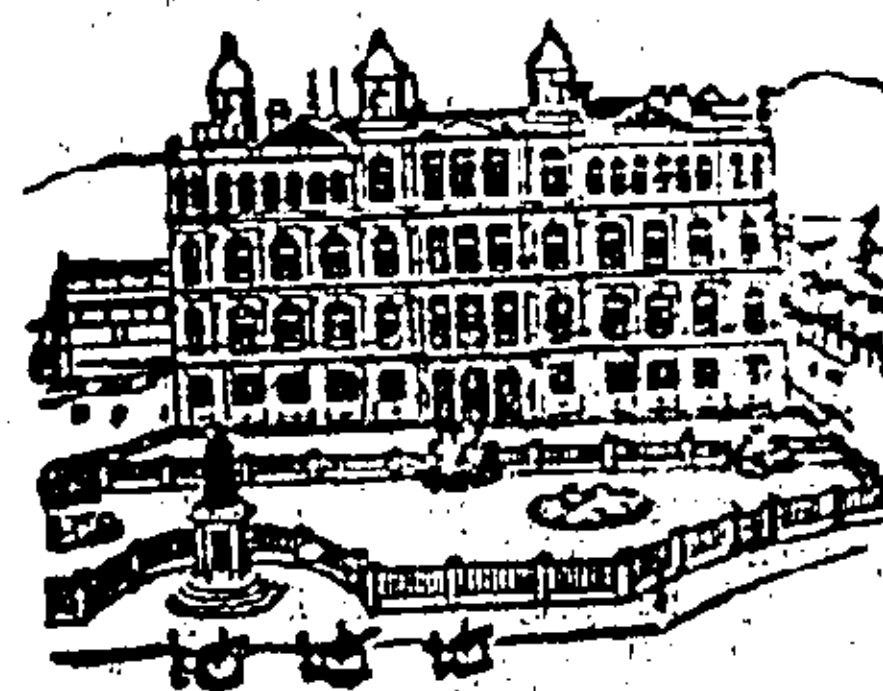
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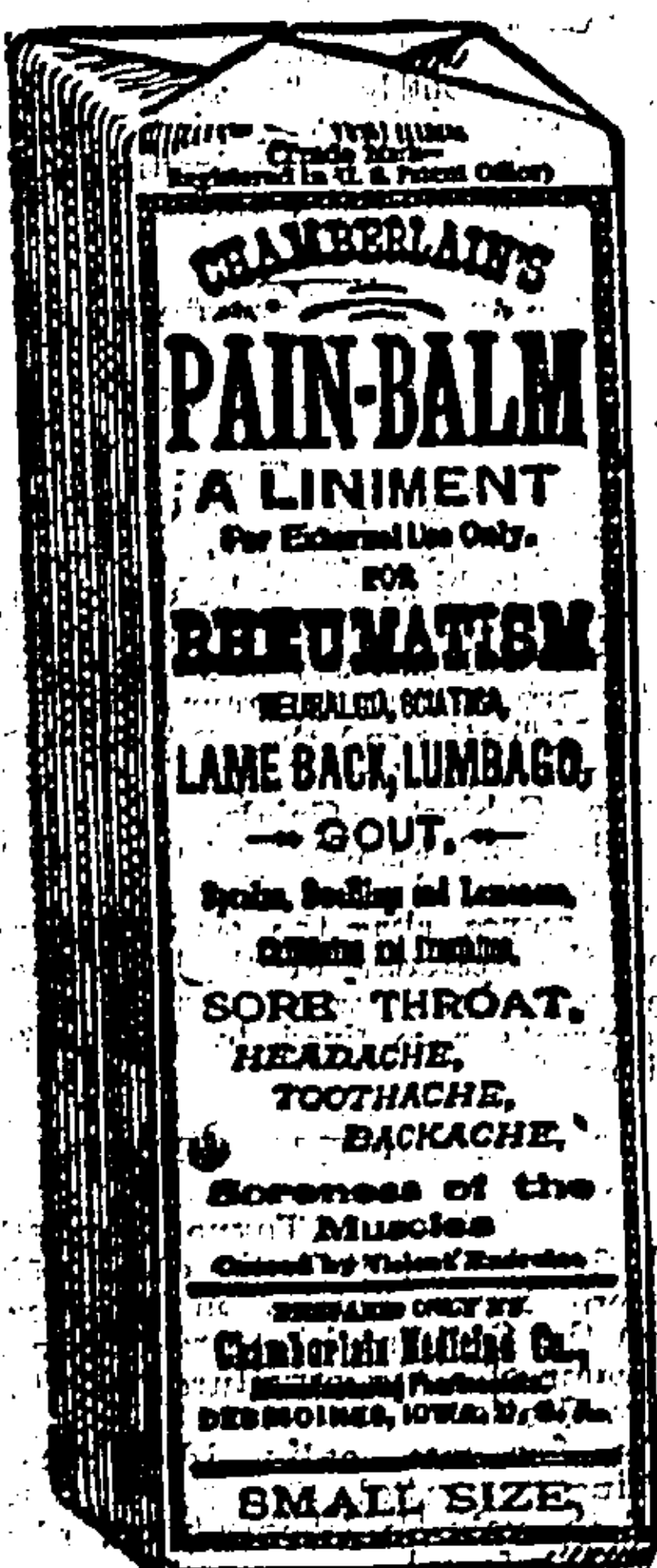
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PROHIBITION AT SEA. RETALIATION PROPOSED.

In the House of Commons on May 9th, Lieut.-Colonel Courthope moved for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the supply of liquor on all vessels carrying passengers in British waters. There was, the hon. and gallant member said, an old saying that imitation was the sincerest flattery, and as neither he nor anybody else wished to offend the susceptibilities of their American friends, he hoped they would take it as a compliment that some people in this country were interesting themselves in the question of the use of liquor in British waters, just as Americans were doing in connection with American waters. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) But while the American attitude and desire was that all ships in American waters should be dry—(laughter)—this bill provided that passenger ships in British waters should be wet—(renewed laughter)—or at least reasonably moist. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) But there were further differences between the American position as we understood it and the proposal in the bill. The American decision applied to all ships. He was more modest, and limited his proposal to vessels that came within the description of sea-going steamers under the Merchant Shipping Act of 1864. The effect, also, of the American decision, if carried out as we understood it would extend far beyond the limit of American waters or American ports. He had been particularly careful in preparing his bill to limit its effect to British ports and waters. It would not affect ships upon the high seas. If there were serious problems of international law involved in the American decision he hoped he had avoided these difficulties in time. If America was entitled by international law to carry out the decision of her courts, a further we were entitled to carry out a much more modest and humble proposal. The bill proposed to require that the owner and master of sea-going passenger steamers, before leaving British ports, should provide a reasonable quantity of wine, spirits, beer, and other liquor to supply the reasonable requirements of the passengers. ("Cheers," and cries of "How much.") The bill further required that while the ship was out of British waters the reasonable demand of the passengers for such liquor should be supplied, and it imposed penalties for failure to comply with these clauses. The rest of the bill was formal. This was not an occasion on which it would be right to discuss the ethics of prohibition, or to say anything of the evils which had befallen some countries, or of the evils which appeared in some places to have followed its adoption. It was sufficient as a prelude to the action proposed that that House declined very decisively to follow the example of America. He did not want to interfere or even to criticize the domestic concerns of other countries, but when an attempt was threatened by one of them to interpret their domestic law as to extend the area of their domestic prohibition to the high seas, and to impose her domestic restrictions upon the sea-going traffic of the world, then it was quite a different matter—(cheers)—and it was time for the British Parliament to take some notice of it. Interest in this matter was not limited at all either to those who wanted a drink on board ship or even to those who travelled across the seas. It was, he believed, shared profoundly by all who placed a special value upon the phrase "freedom of the seas" in a wide sense. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) Unless he greatly misunderstood the feeling of the British public, the decision in America dealing with these matters, received at first with amused incredulity, was now being received with profound resentment. He was convinced that the country was looking to the House of Commons to resist the American decision even to the extent of preparing steps of retaliation. ("Hear, hear.") It was in the firm conviction that moderate legislation on the lines he proposed was the most effective and the least objectionable method of asserting British rights that he claimed leave to bring in the bill. ("Cheers.")

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy, opposing the motion, said that if it was taken seriously on the other side of the Atlantic it would be looked upon as a very childish, foolish, and ill-advised. It was a piece of stupid, ridiculous, and childish legislation, which would embroil relations between the two great English-speaking nations.

Leave to bring in the bill was granted by 184 votes to 128, and it was read a first time.

FARMING IN CANADA.

LARGE CONTINGENT FROM INDIAN PUBLIC SERVICES.

Lieut.-Colonel Robert Innes, Director of Agriculture of the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada, sailed from Bombay for London on the steamer *Pilana* recently.

During the past three months Lieut.-Colonel Innes has visited most of the principal military centres in India lecturing on the land settlement opportunities in Canada and explaining the Canadian Government's scheme for assisting ex-service men and others who desire and are considered suitable to engage in farming in the Dominion.

Interviewed before going on board Lieut.-Colonel Innes expressed himself well satisfied with the outcome of his mission. He felt confident that the hundred or so settlers he had selected in India to go to Canada now are only the forerunners of many more. Those going now include officers, retiring on pension, surplus officers, N.C.O.'s and men who have completed their service, I.C.S., I.M.B., and Police officials as well as a number of business men. All are Britishers of an average age of 30 years. About 50 per cent. are married, and they have an average capital of approximately £2,000. Most of them intend to settle in the fruit-growing districts of Canada. Asked if he thought those he had selected would succeed as farmers in Canada Lieut.-Col. Innes replied "they are going to Canada on their own initiative and

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Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 10th June, 0.06 inch. Total since January 1st, 16.66 inches, against an average of 18.41 inches.

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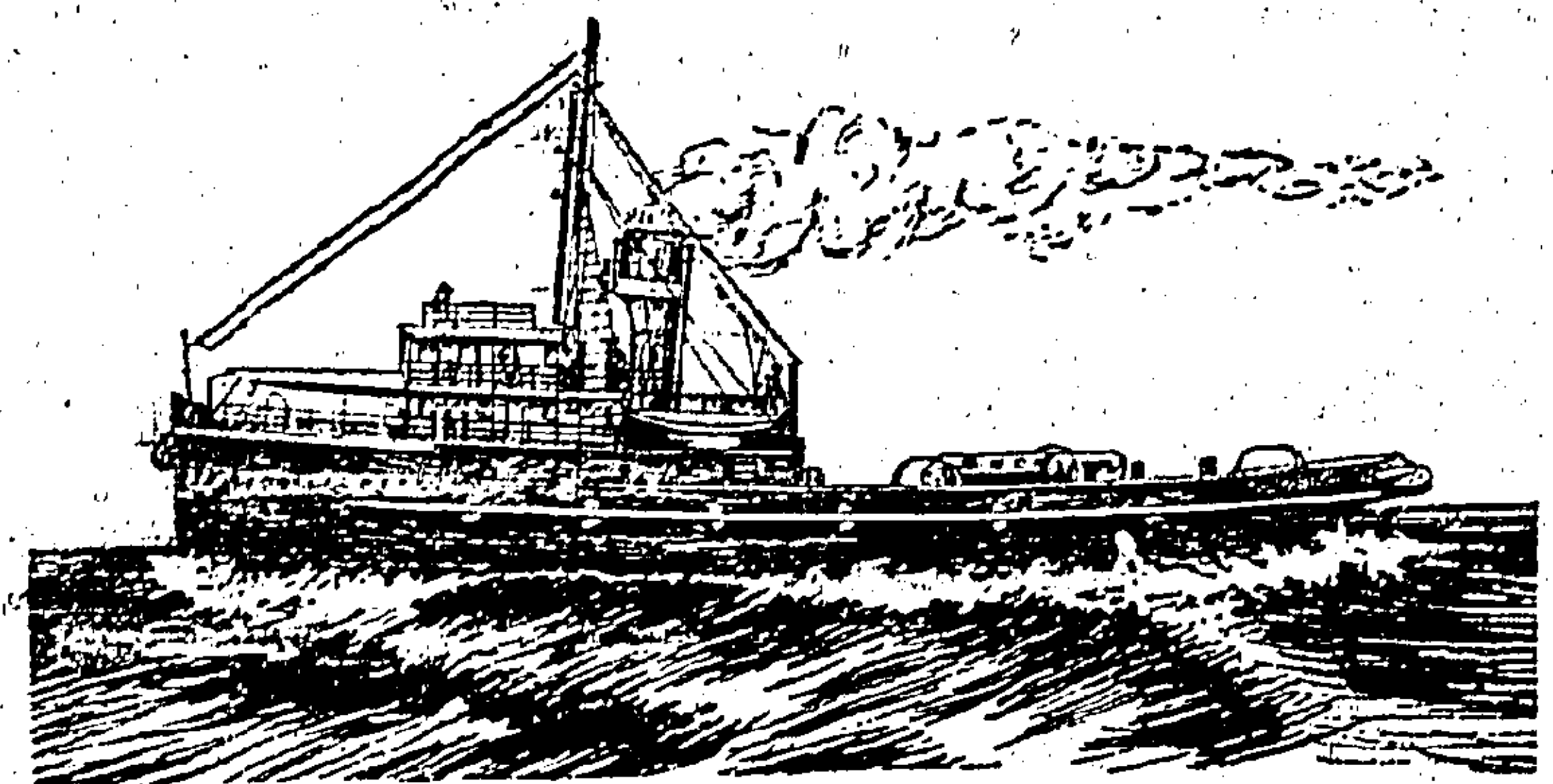
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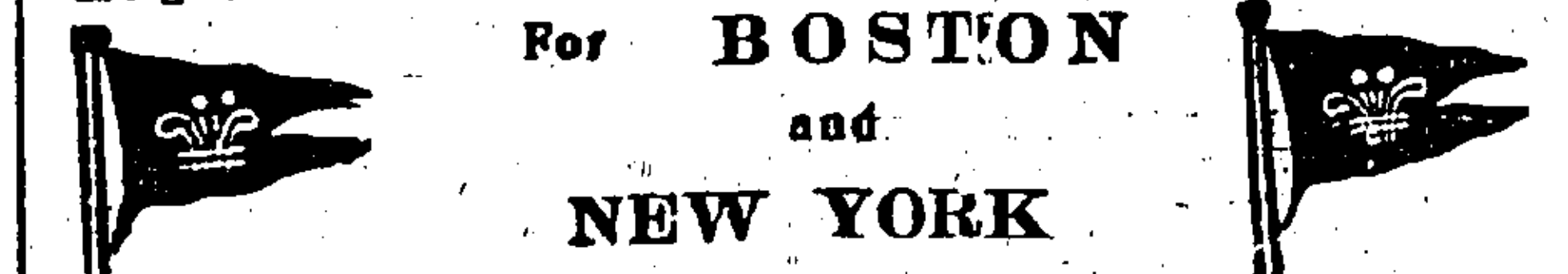
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